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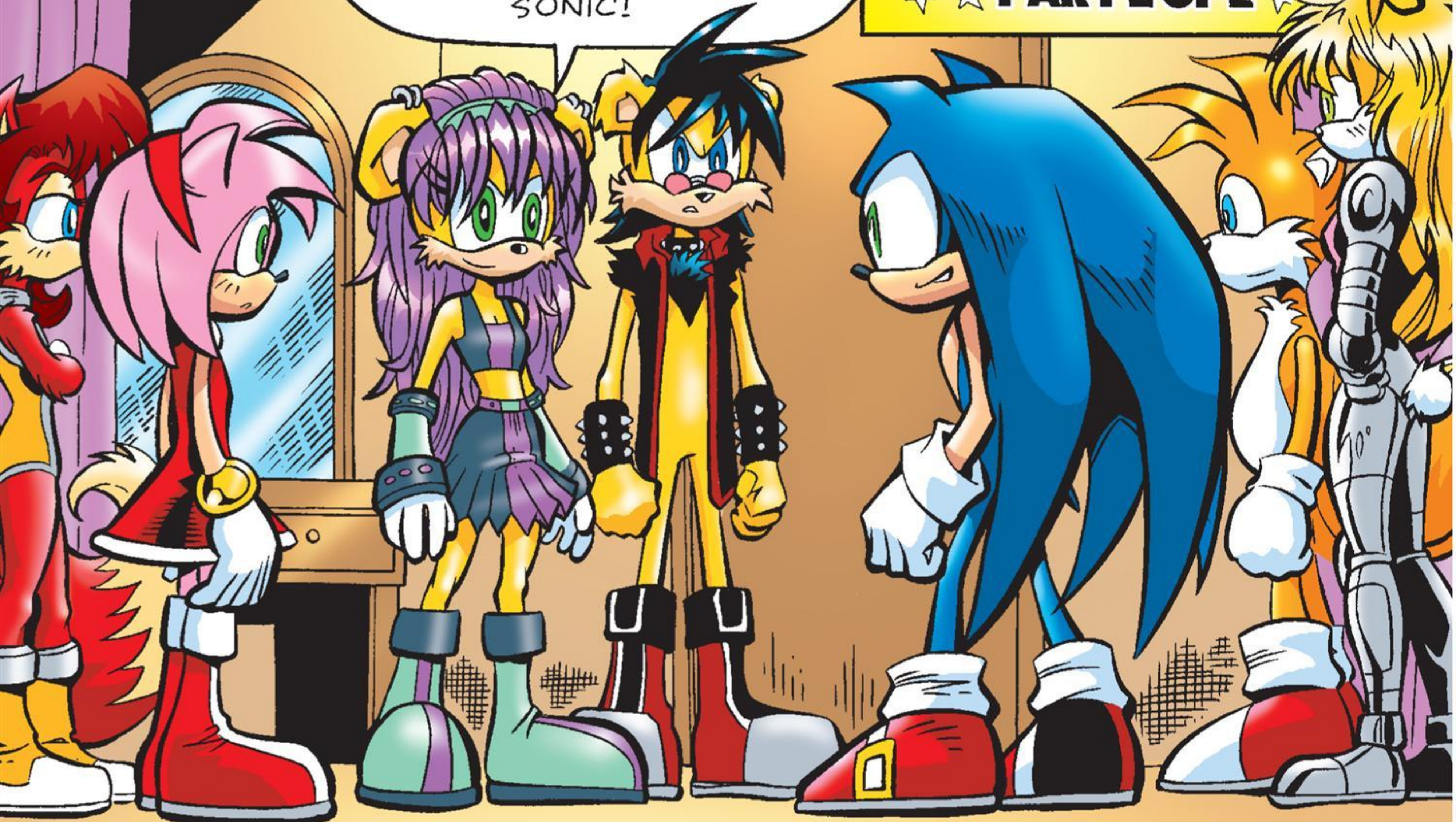
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TARGET!

S UNSET
HILL--
KNOT-
HOLE.

I FEEL SO MUCH SAFER
KNOWING THAT PRINCESS
SALLY HAS ASSIGNED YOU
AND THE REST OF THE
FREEDOM FIGHTERS
TO PROTECT ME AT
TONIGHT'S CONCERT,
SONIC!

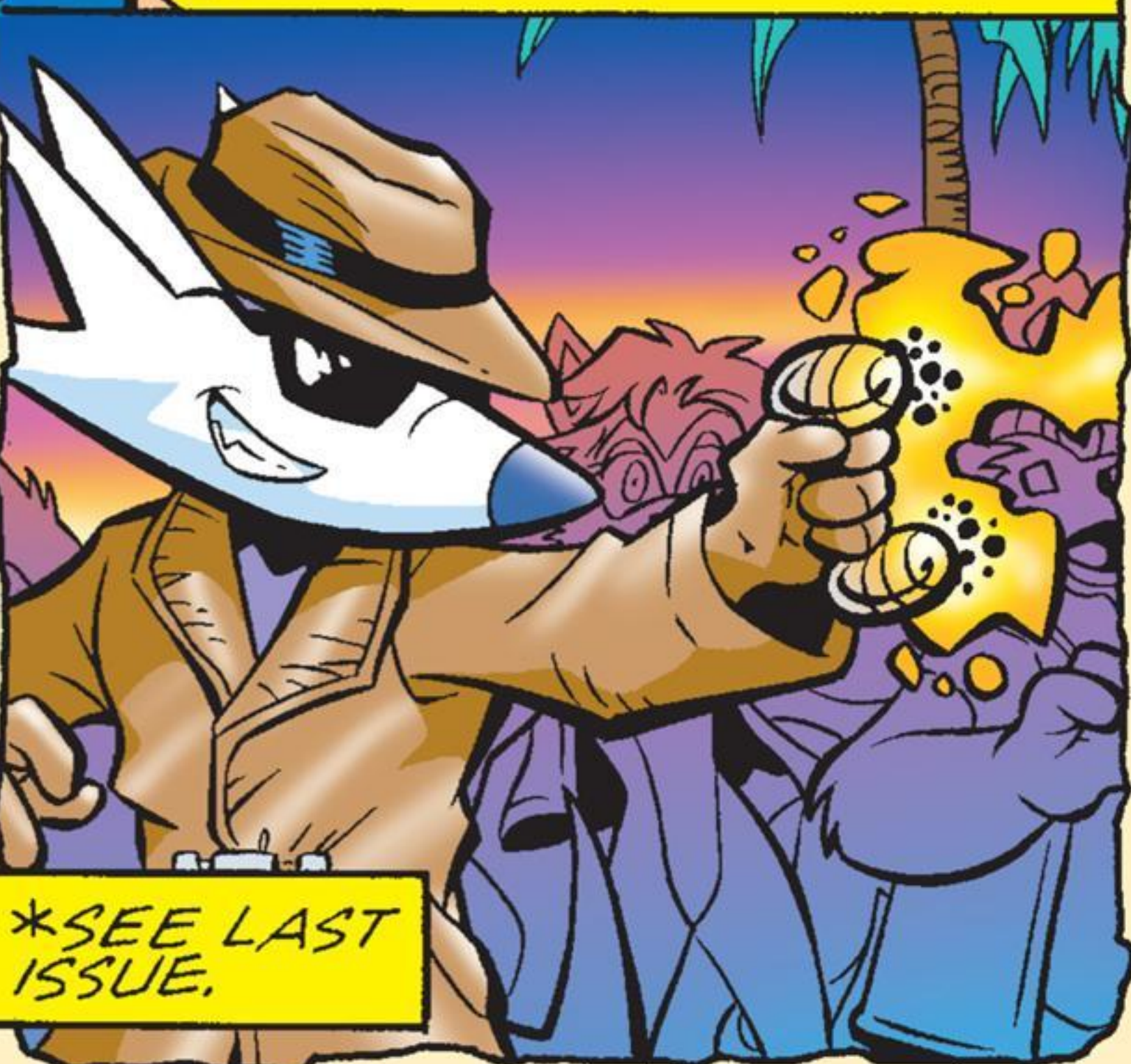
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"WELL, AFTER NACK
THE WEASEL'S BOTCHED
ASSASSINATION
ATTEMPT,* WE DIDN'T
WANT TO TAKE ANY
CHANCES, MINA..."

...AND IF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK HATES
YOUR MUSIC SO MUCH THAT HE'S
WILLING TO PUT A HIT ON YOU, THAT'S
JUST ONE MORE REASON FOR THE
REST OF THE PLANET TO
LISTEN TO IT!

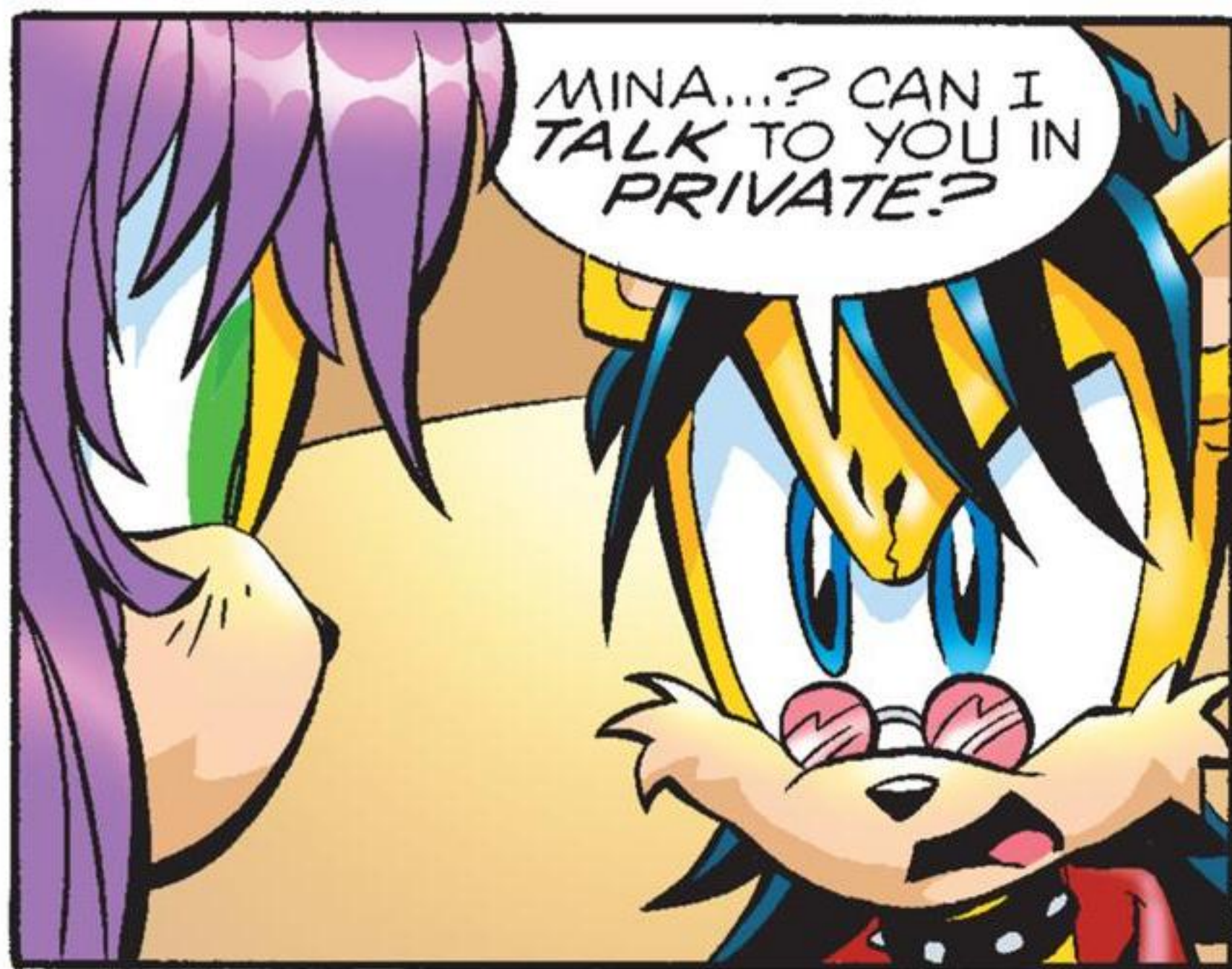


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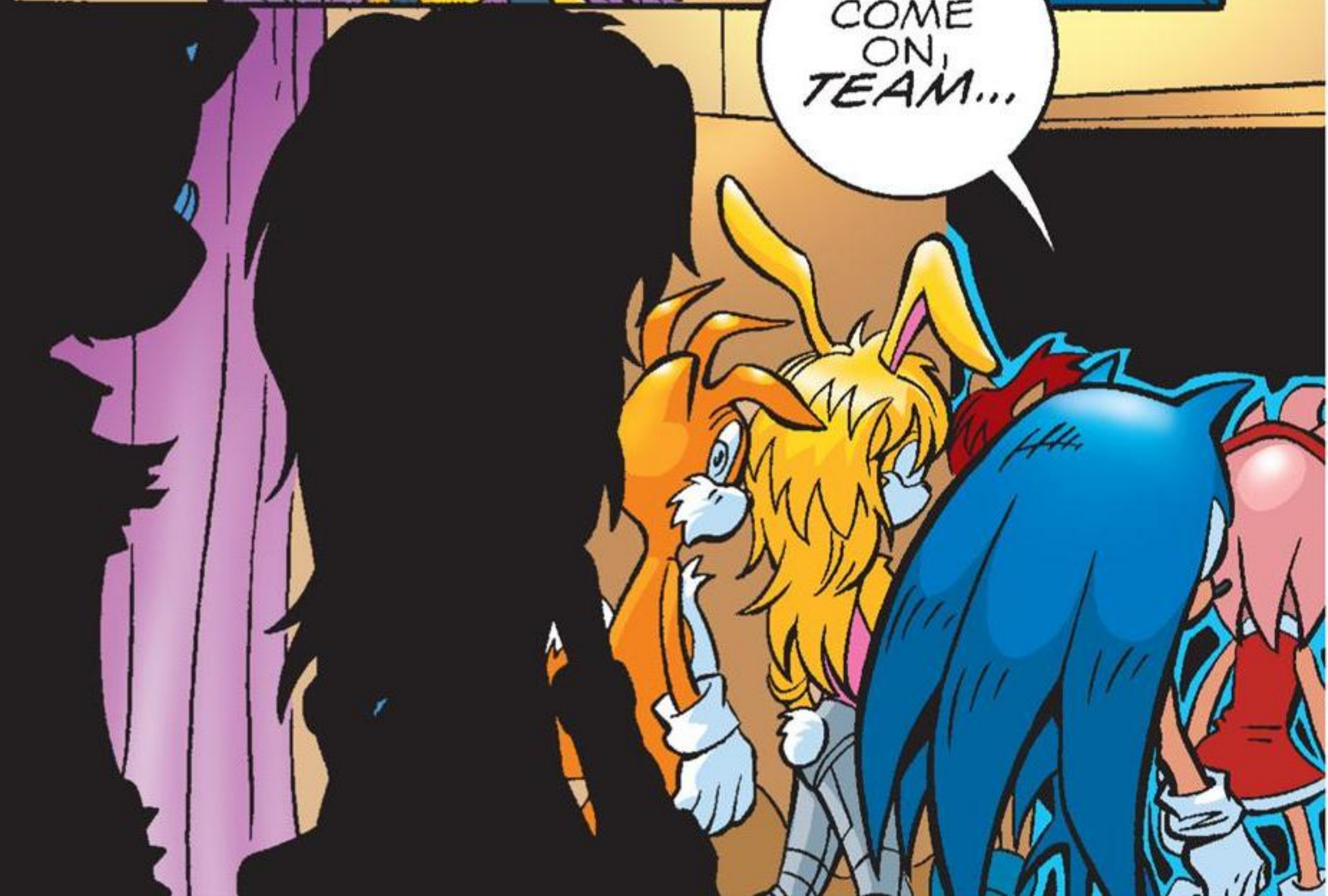
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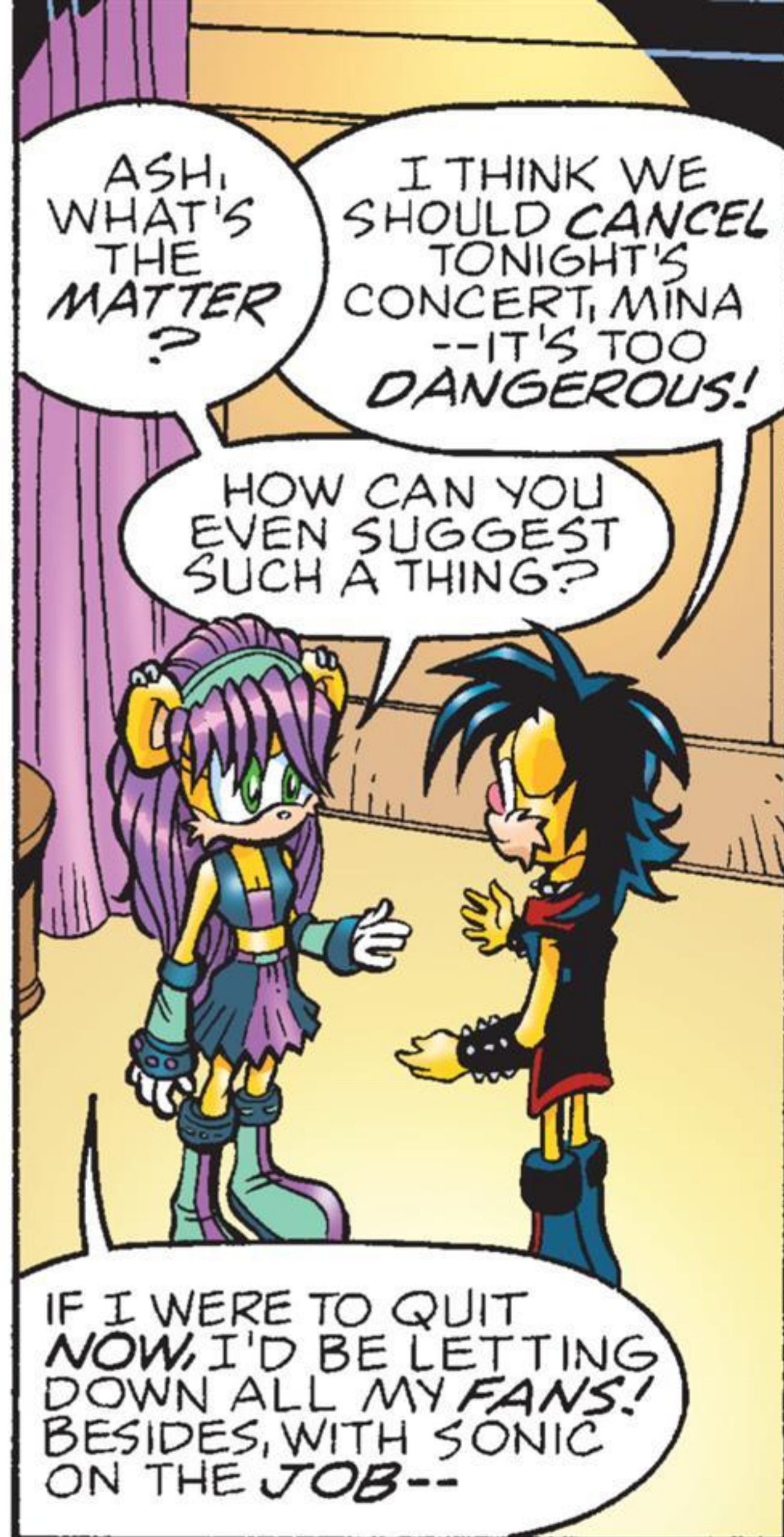


NO WAY, ASH, YOU MIGHT BE MINA'S MANAGER. HECK, YOU MIGHT EVEN BE HER BOYFRIEND...



IT'S ALL RIGHT, SONIC... I'LL BE SAFE WITH ASH. BESIDES, I'M DUE ON-STAGE IN TEN MINUTES, ANYWAY...





ASH, WHAT'S THE MATTER?

I THINK WE SHOULD CANCEL TONIGHT'S CONCERT, MINA --IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!

HOW CAN YOU EVEN SUGGEST SUCH A THING?

IF I WERE TO QUIT NOW, I'D BE LETTING DOWN ALL MY FANS! BESIDES, WITH SONIC ON THE JOB--



OH, HIM AGAIN.

WHY ON MOBIUS DO YOU HATE HIM SO MUCH?! HE'S A HERO!



HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN HOW THAT SO-CALLED "HERO" BROKE YOUR HEART, MINA? *I'LL NEVER FORGIVE HIM FOR IT, AND NEITHER SHOULD YOU!

*SEE ISSUE #123.



YOU KNOW THAT IT'S NOT IN MY NATURE TO BEHAVE THAT WAY, ASH.

ISN'T IT? OR MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE...

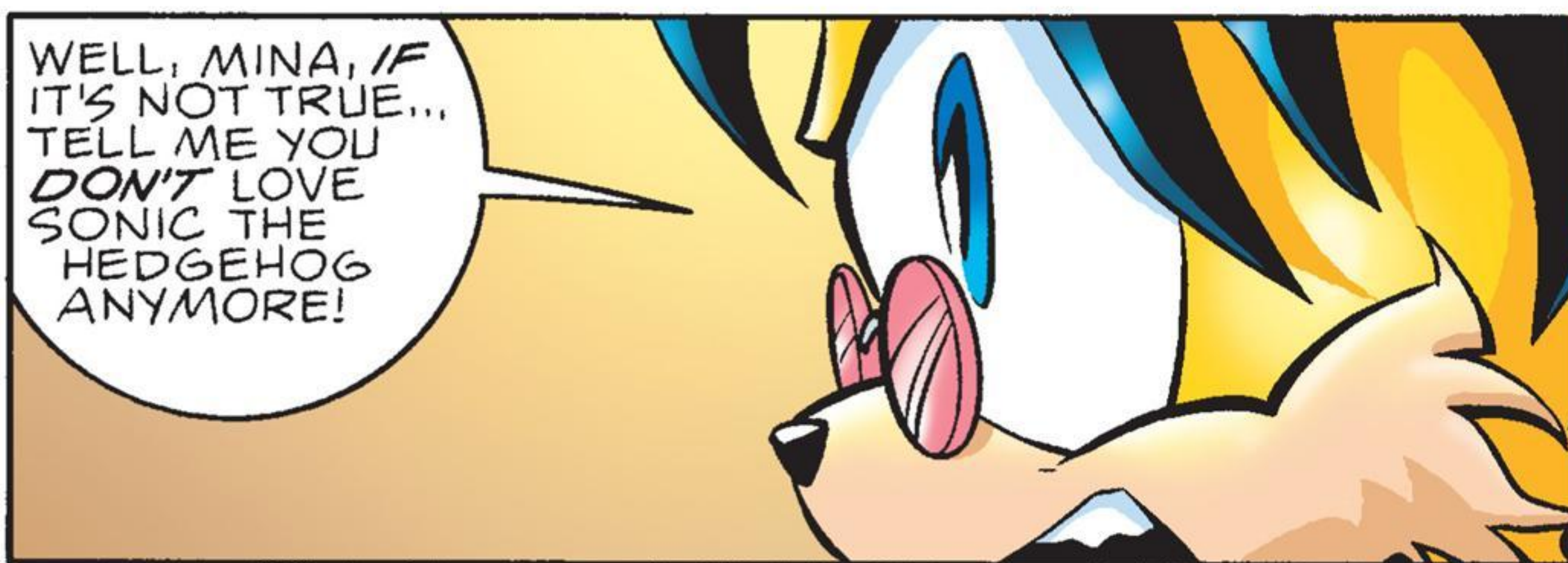
...YOU'RE STILL CARRYING A TORCH FOR THE JERK!

HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT AFTER ALL WE'VE BEEN THROUGH THIS PAST YEAR?

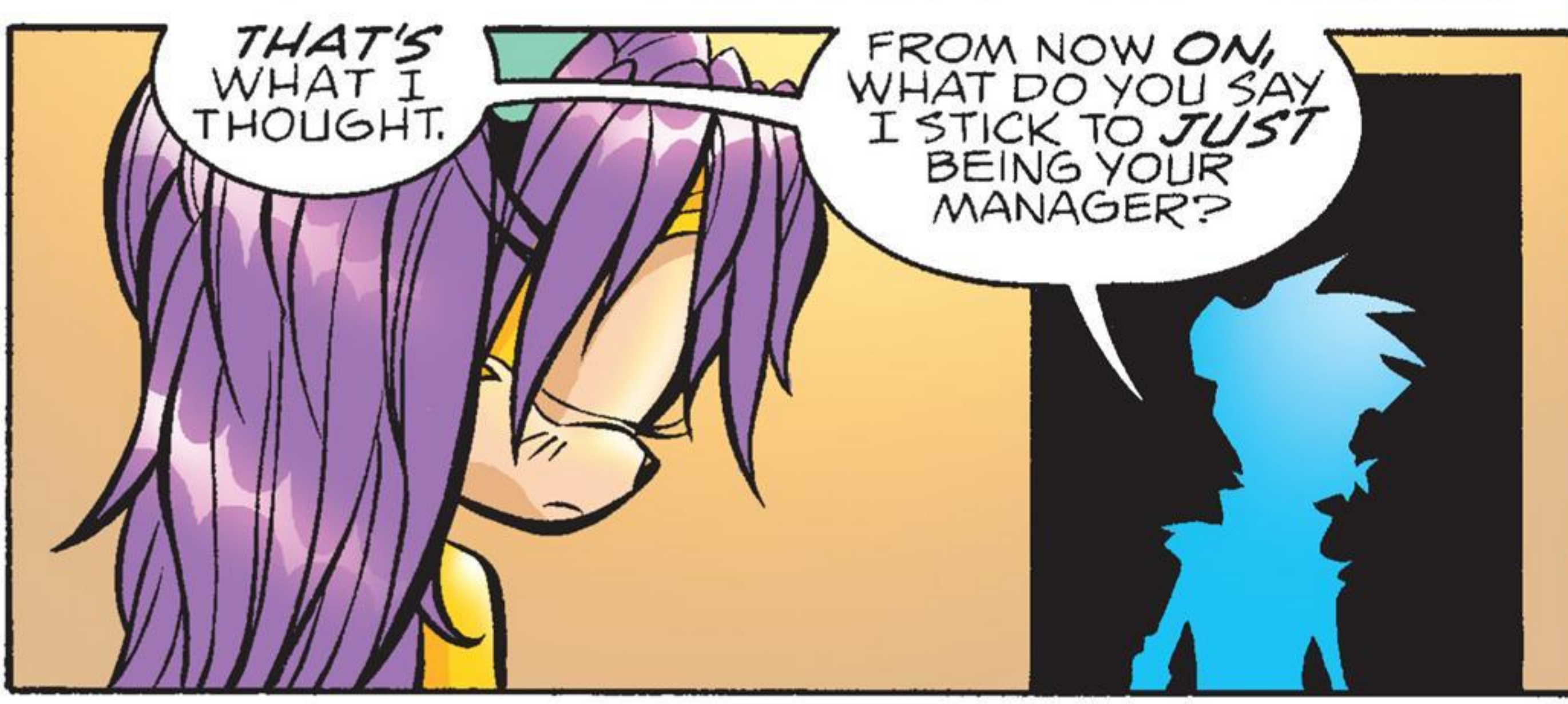


BECAUSE THE MAJORITY OF YOUR SONG LYRICS ARE WRITTEN ABOUT HIM!

WHAT?! THAT'S NOT TRUE!



WELL, MINA, IF IT'S NOT TRUE... TELL ME YOU DON'T LOVE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG ANYMORE!



THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.

FROM NOW ON, WHAT DO YOU SAY I STICK TO JUST BEING YOUR MANAGER?

MEANWHILE...

WHOA.

WHAT
A MAJOR
TURNOUT!
CAN MINA
PACK THE
HOUSE OR
WHAT?

WELL,
SONIC...?
WHAT'S
YOUR
STATUS?

THE REST
OF THE
FREEDOM
FIGHTERS
ARE IN
POSITION,
PRINCESS
SALLY!

"TAILS IS KEEPING AN
EYE OUT FOR
TROUBLE FROM
THE HIGH GROUND--

"--BUNNIE RABBIT AND
FIONA FOX ARE WATCHING
THE CROWD FOR ANY
SUSPICIOUS TYPES--"

"--AMY ROSE IS AT FRONT ROW, CENTER STAGE--"



--AND I'LL BE STANDING JUST OFFSTAGE DURING MINA'S PERFORMANCE!



YOU LET HER OUT OF YOUR SIGHT?!



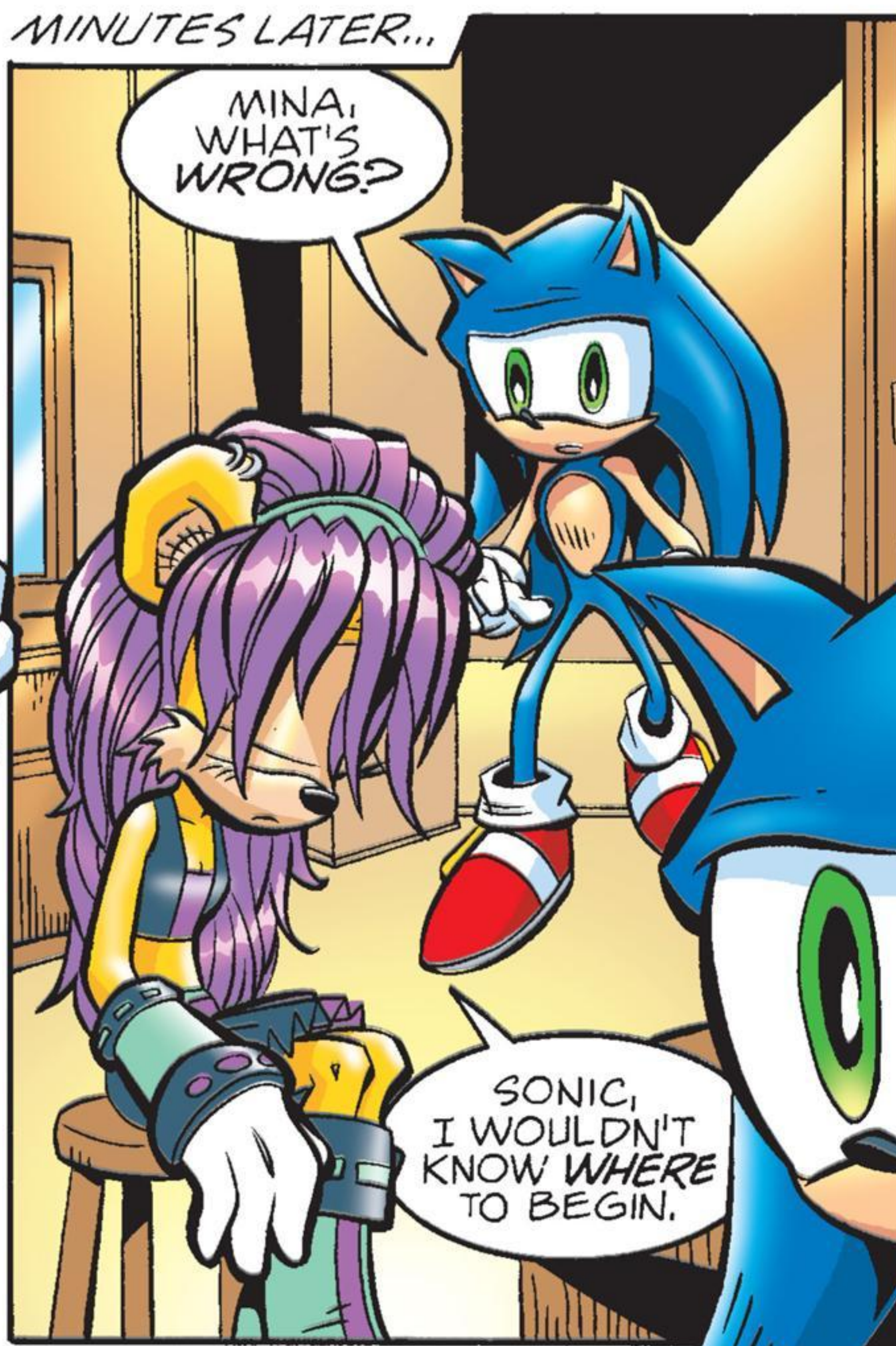
THAT'S WHAT I TRIED TO--

I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR EXCUSES. NOW GO PERFORM YOUR DUTY!



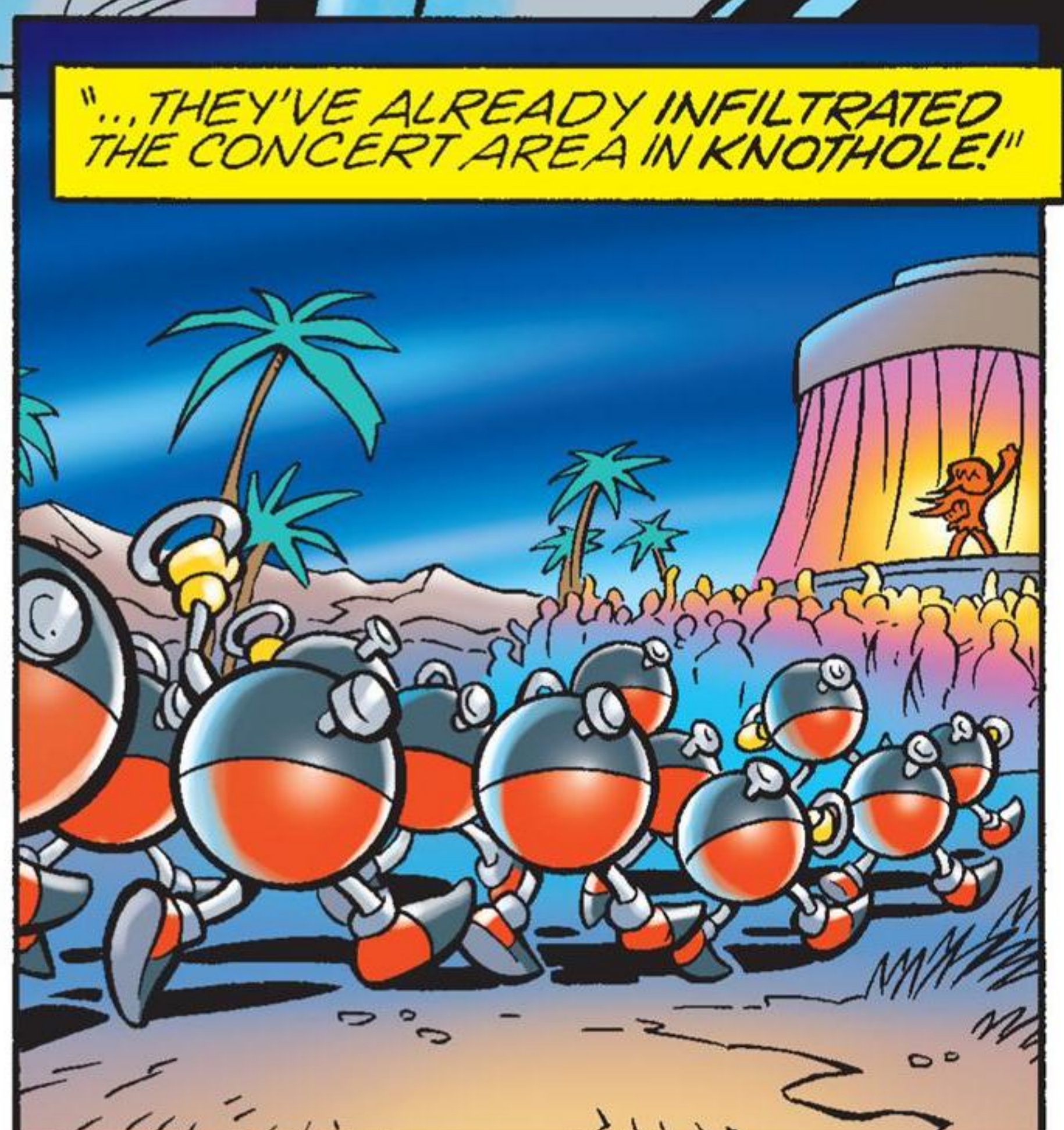
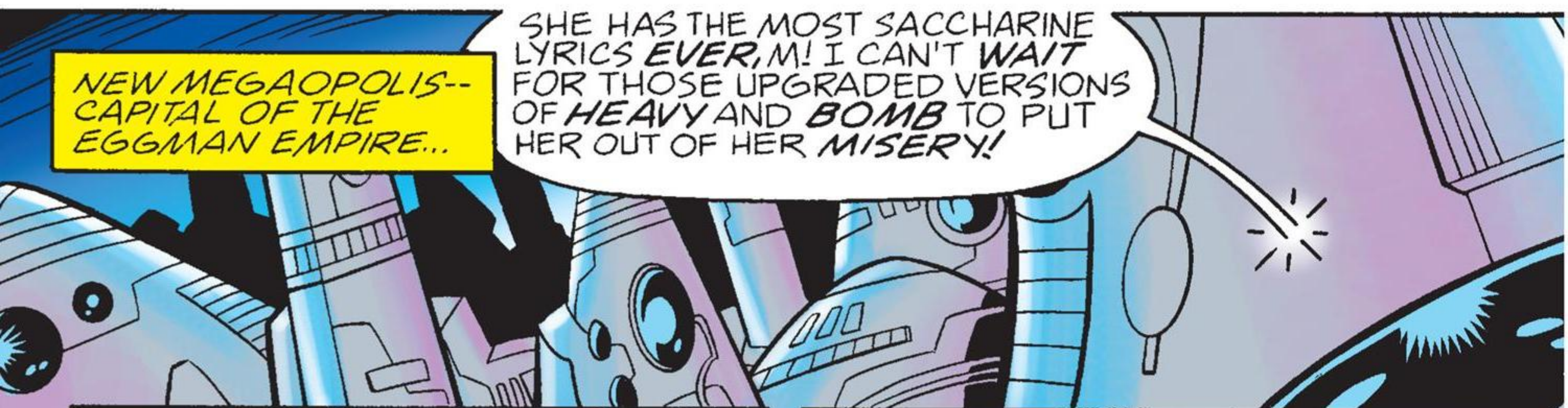
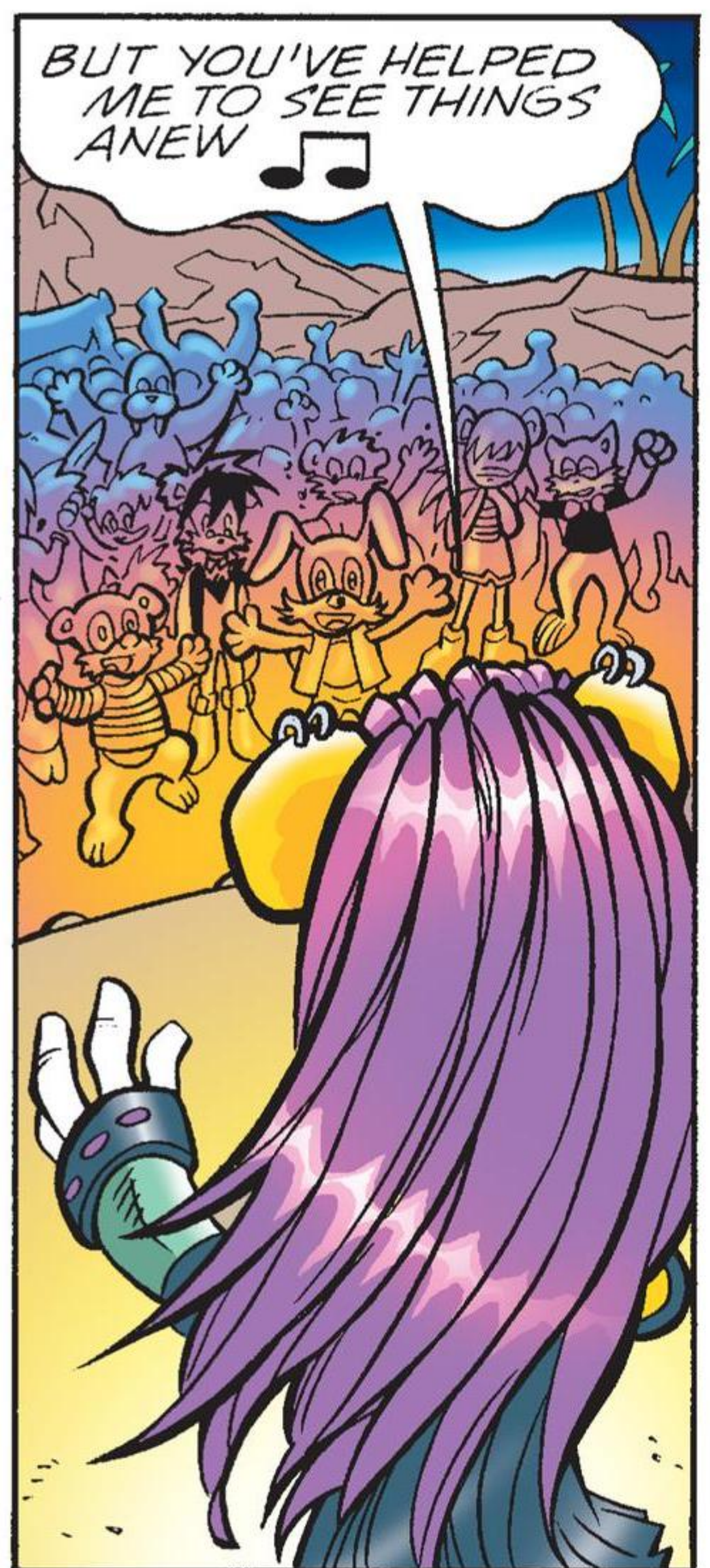
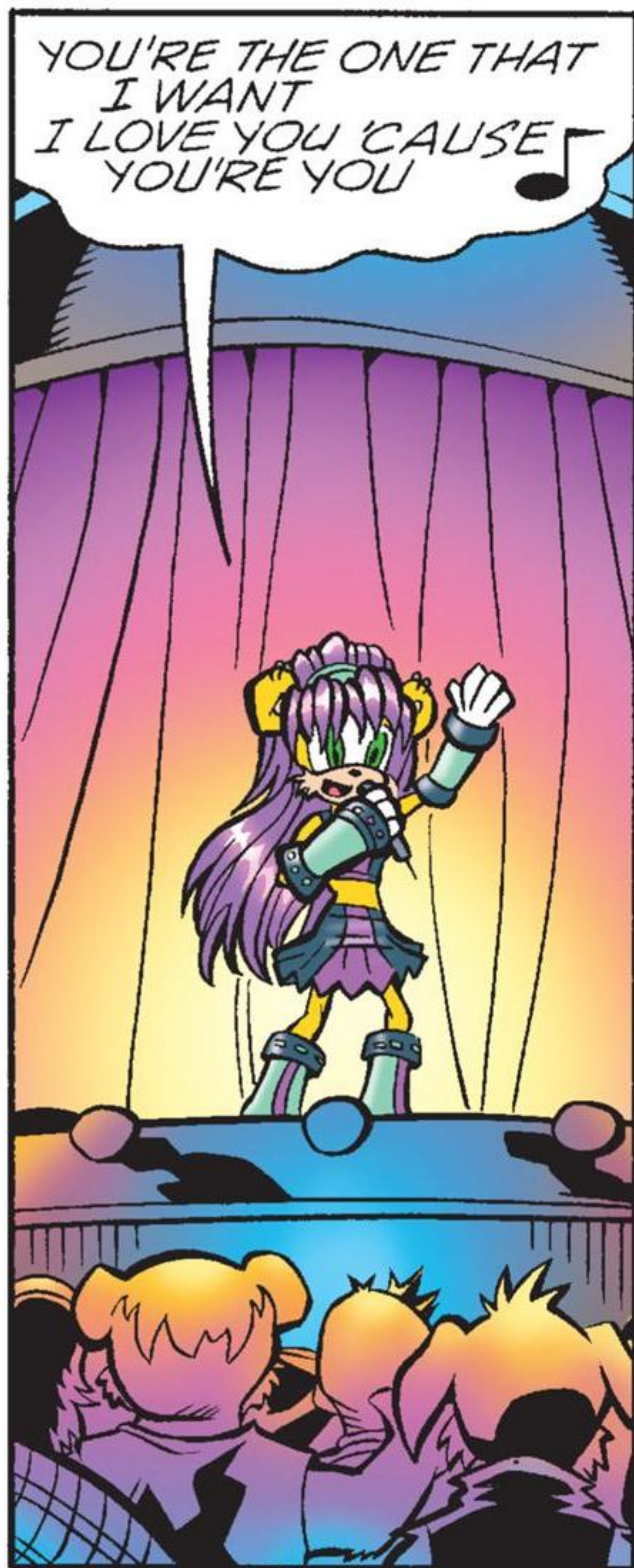
MINUTES LATER...

MINA, WHAT'S WRONG?

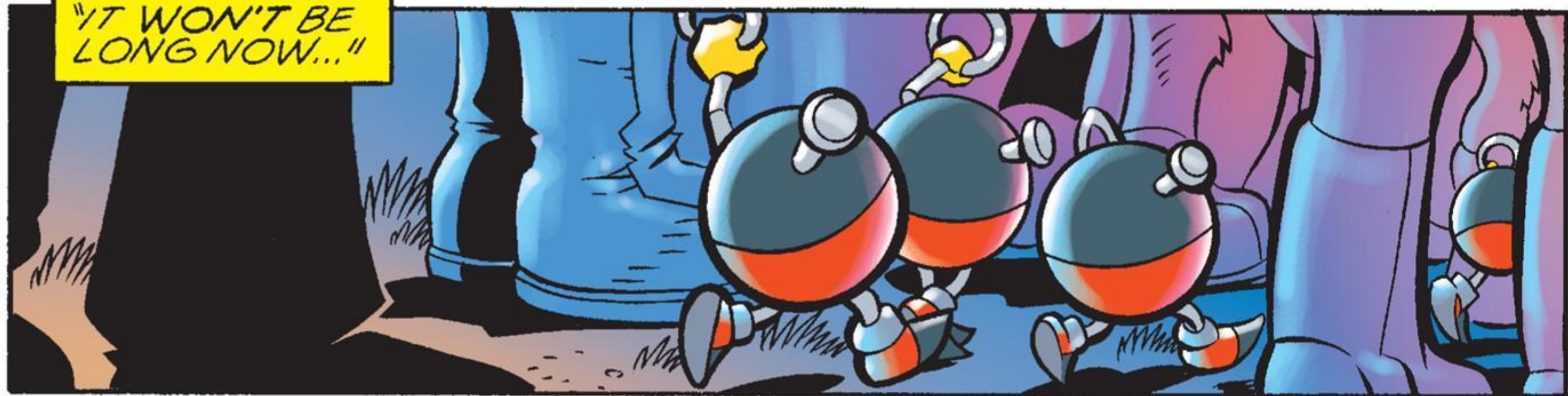


I KNOW EXACTLY HOW YOU FEEL...

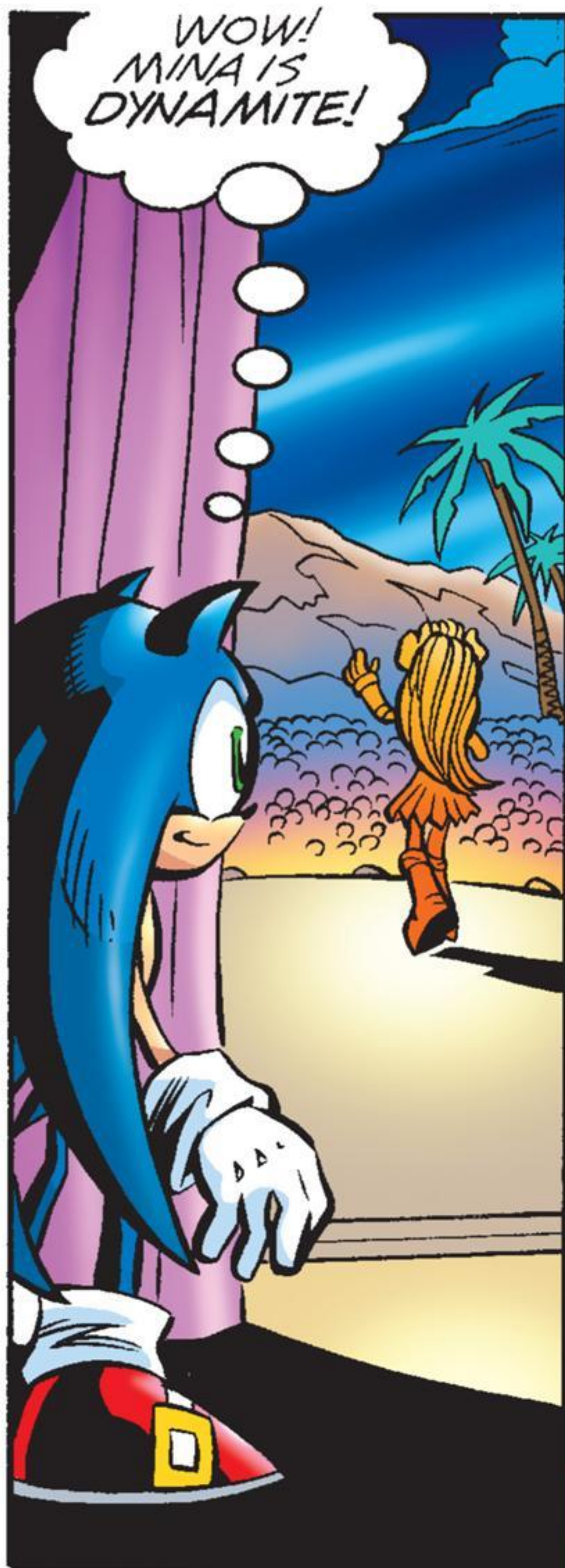




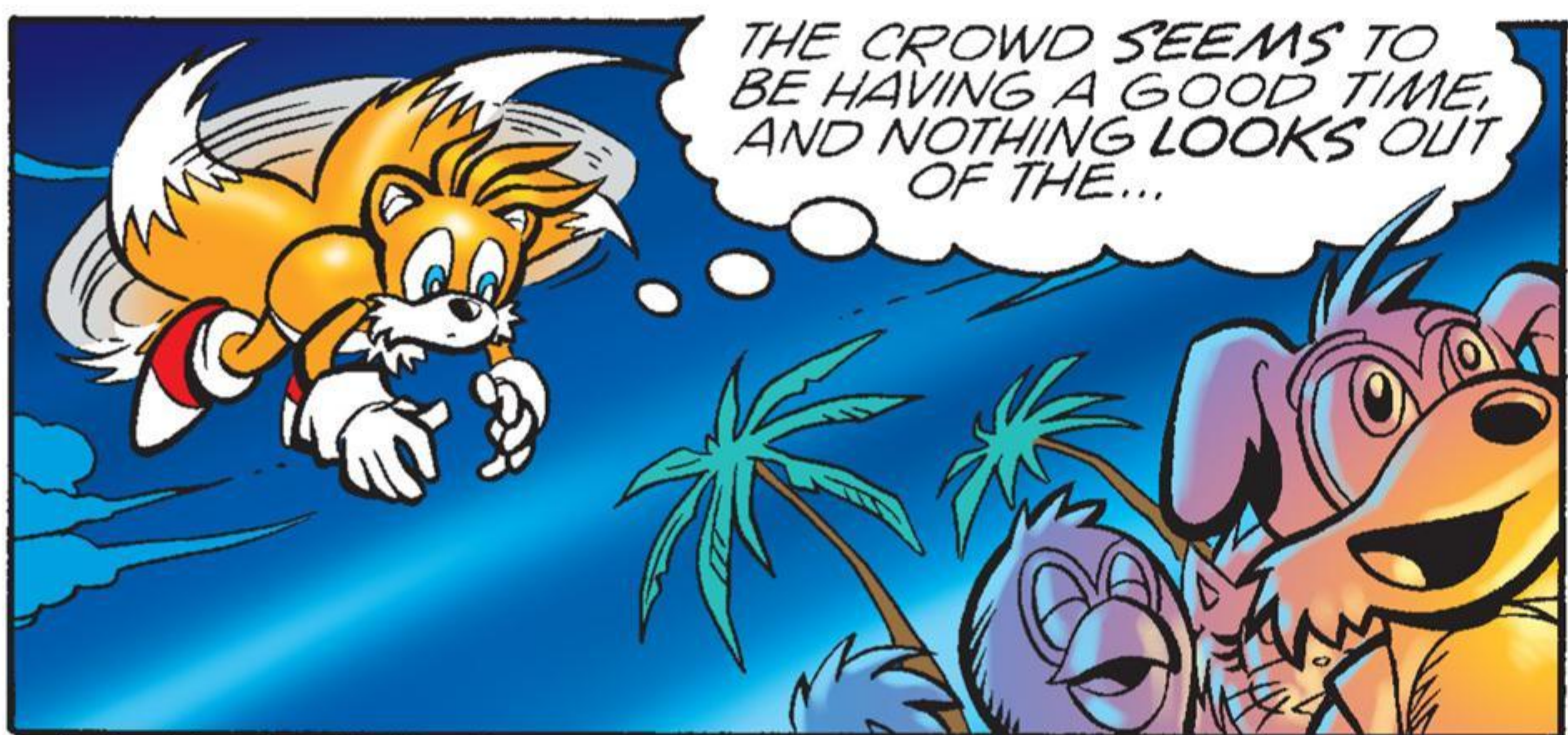
"IT WON'T BE LONG NOW..."



WOW!
MINA IS
DYNAMITE!



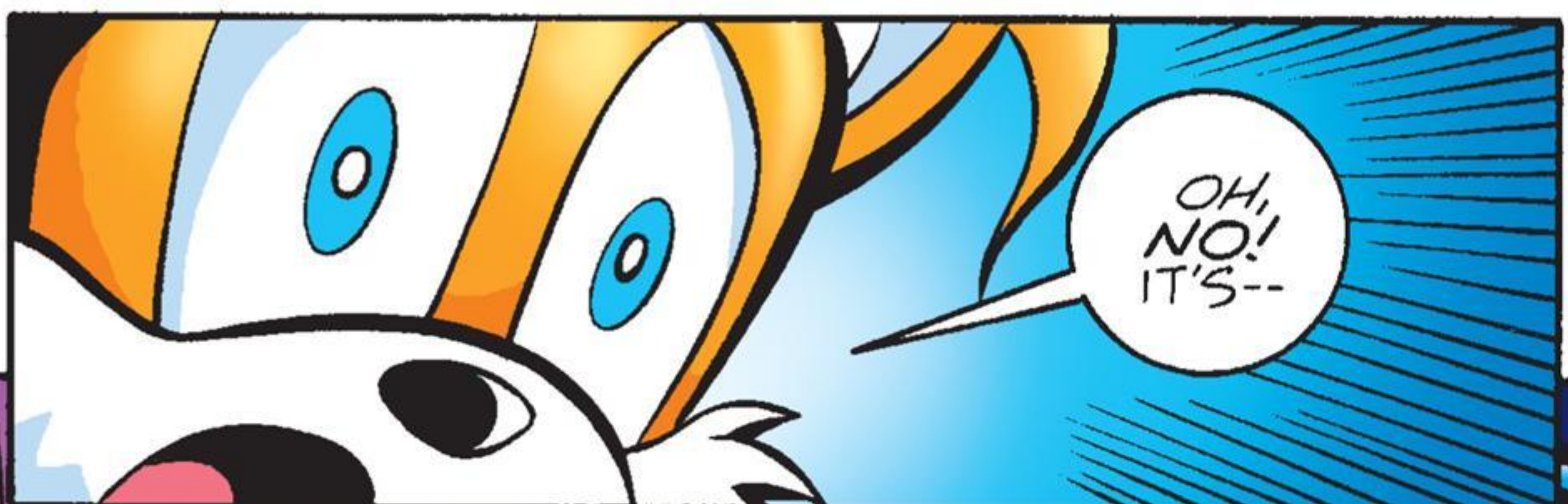
THE CROWD SEEMS TO
BE HAVING A GOOD TIME,
AND NOTHING LOOKS OUT
OF THE...



...ORDINARY?



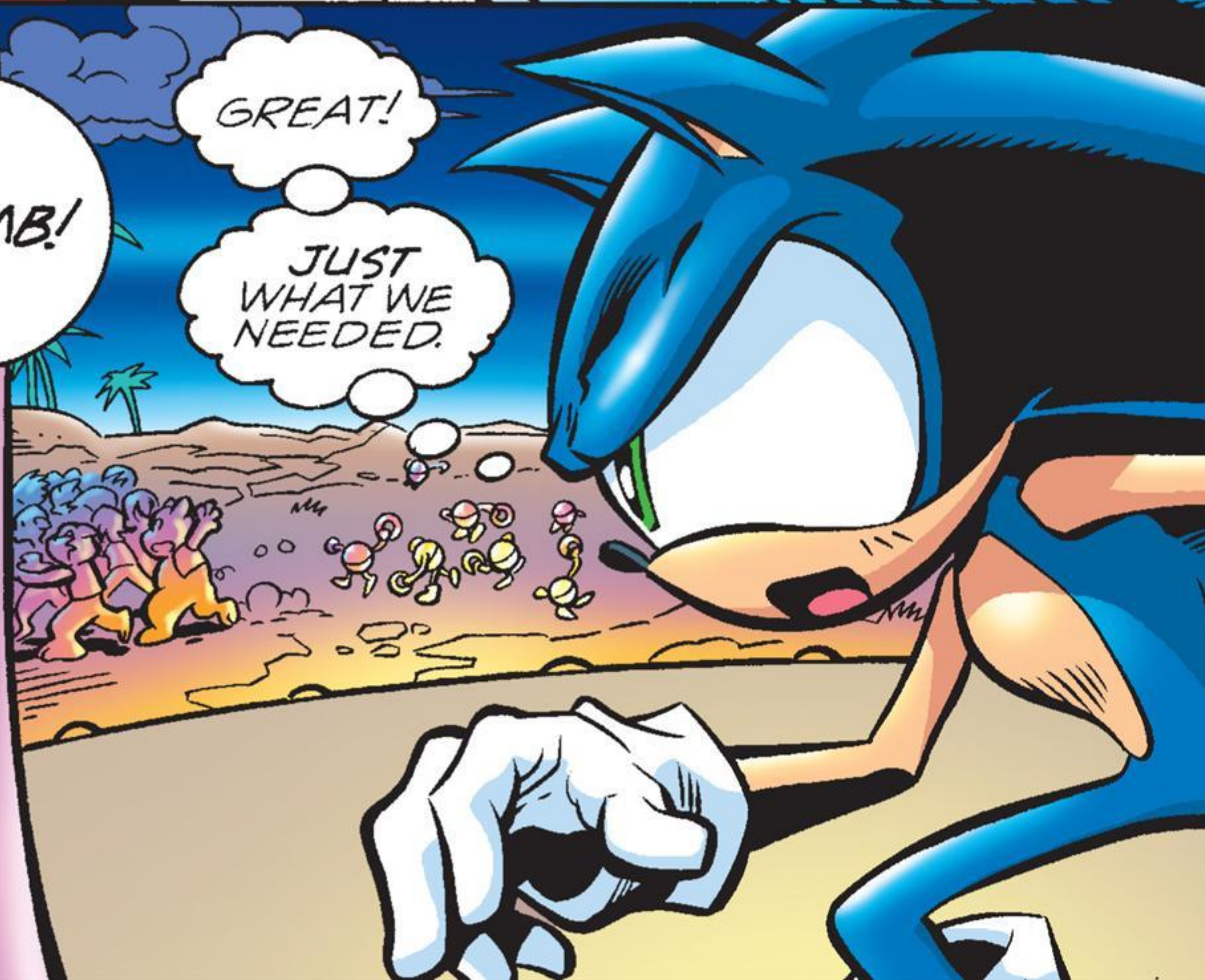
OH,
NO!
IT'S--

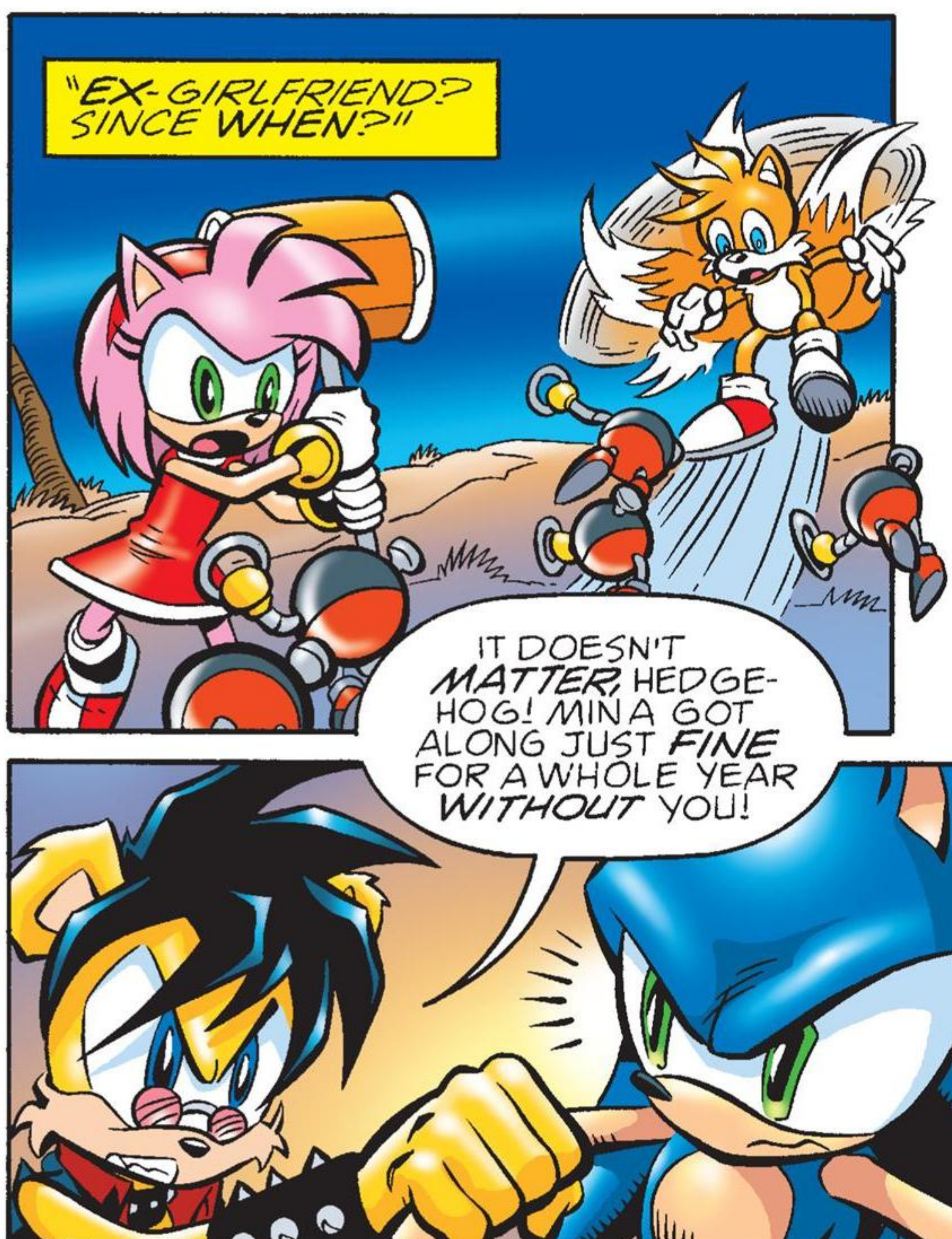
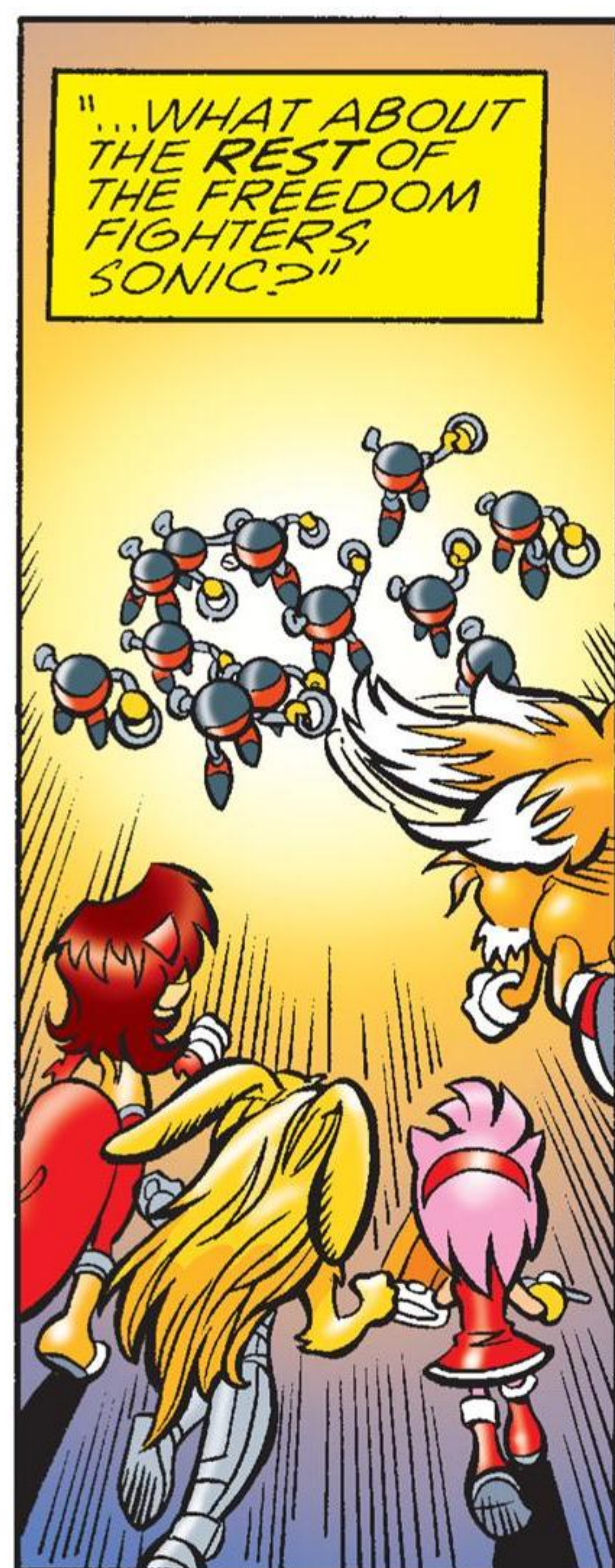
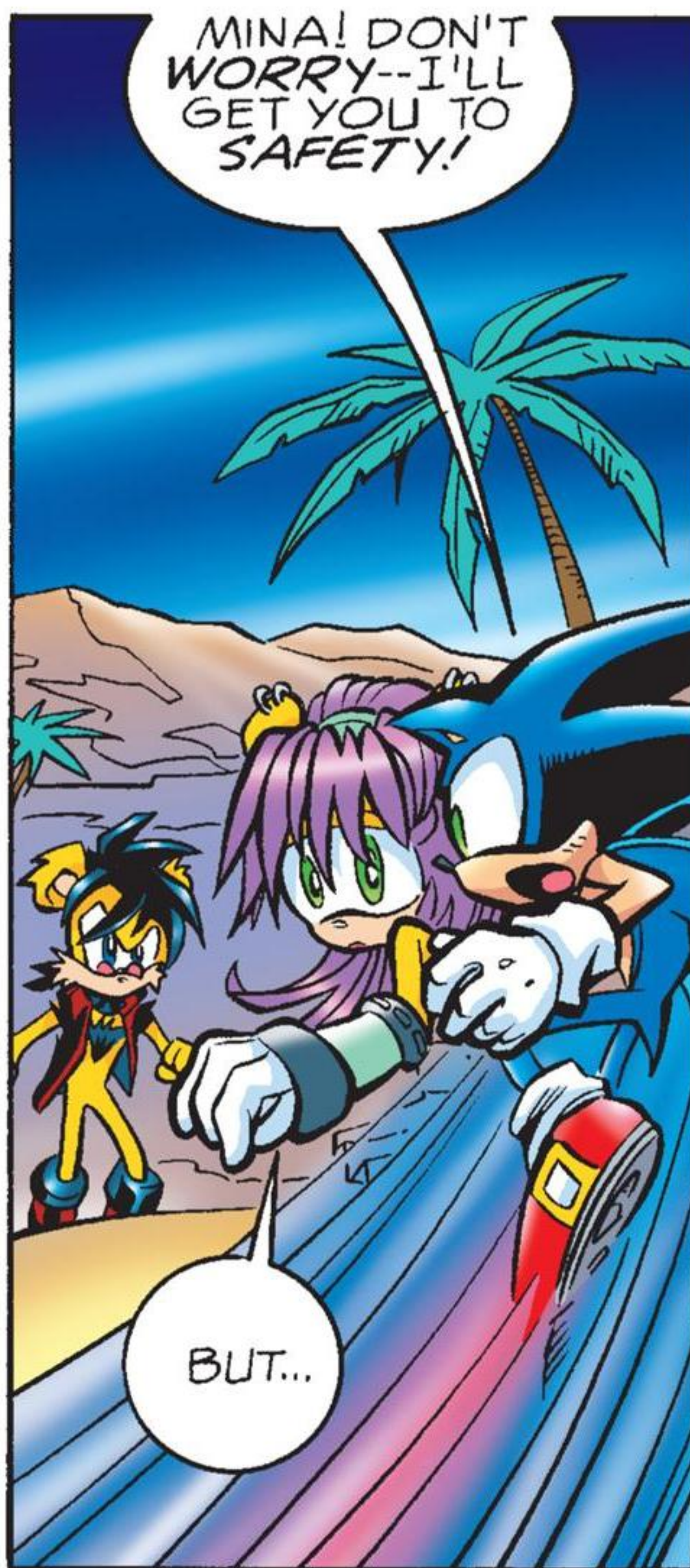


BOMB!

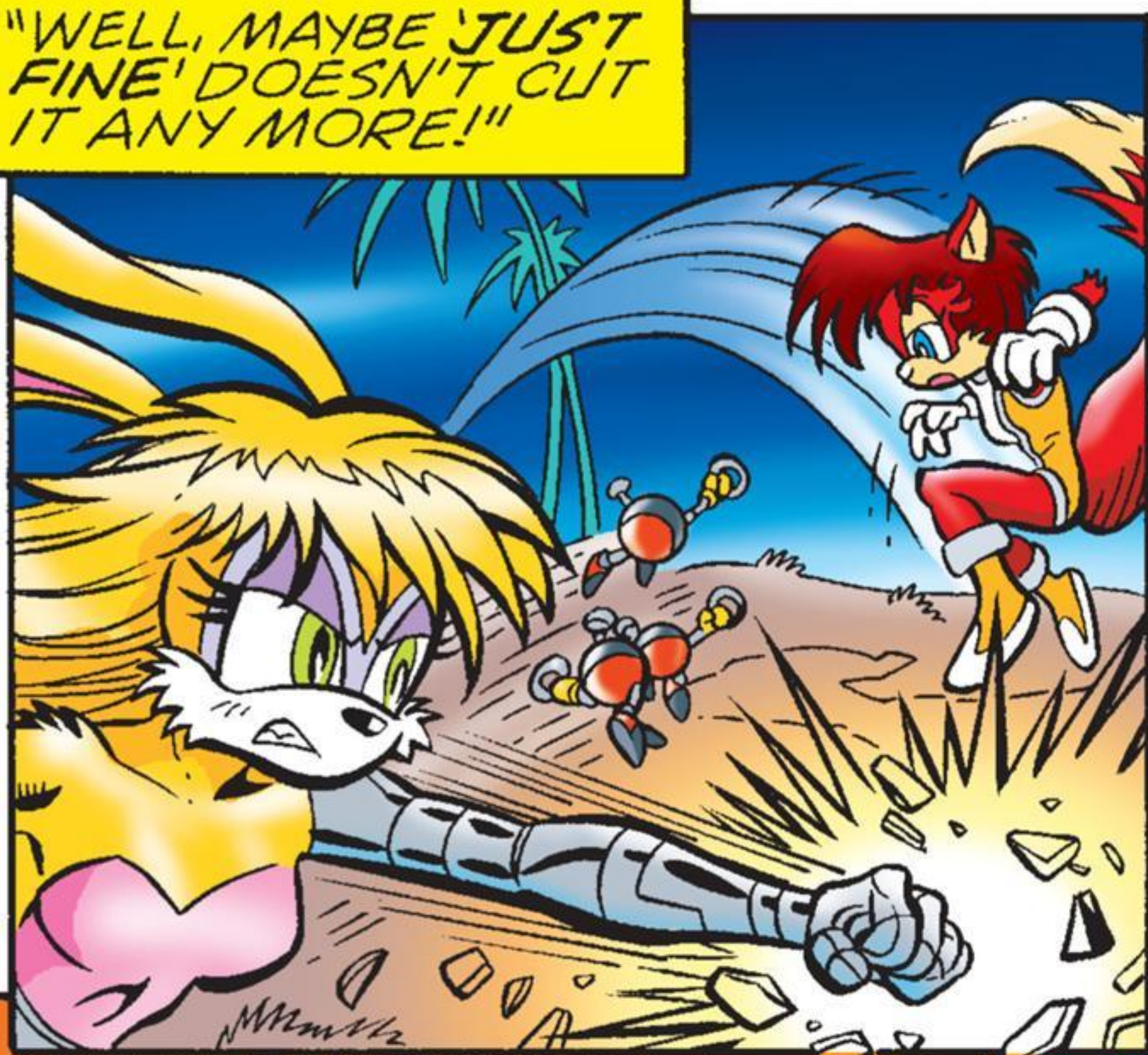
GREAT!

JUST
WHAT WE
NEEDED.





"WELL, MAYBE 'JUST FINE' DOESN'T CUT IT ANY MORE!"

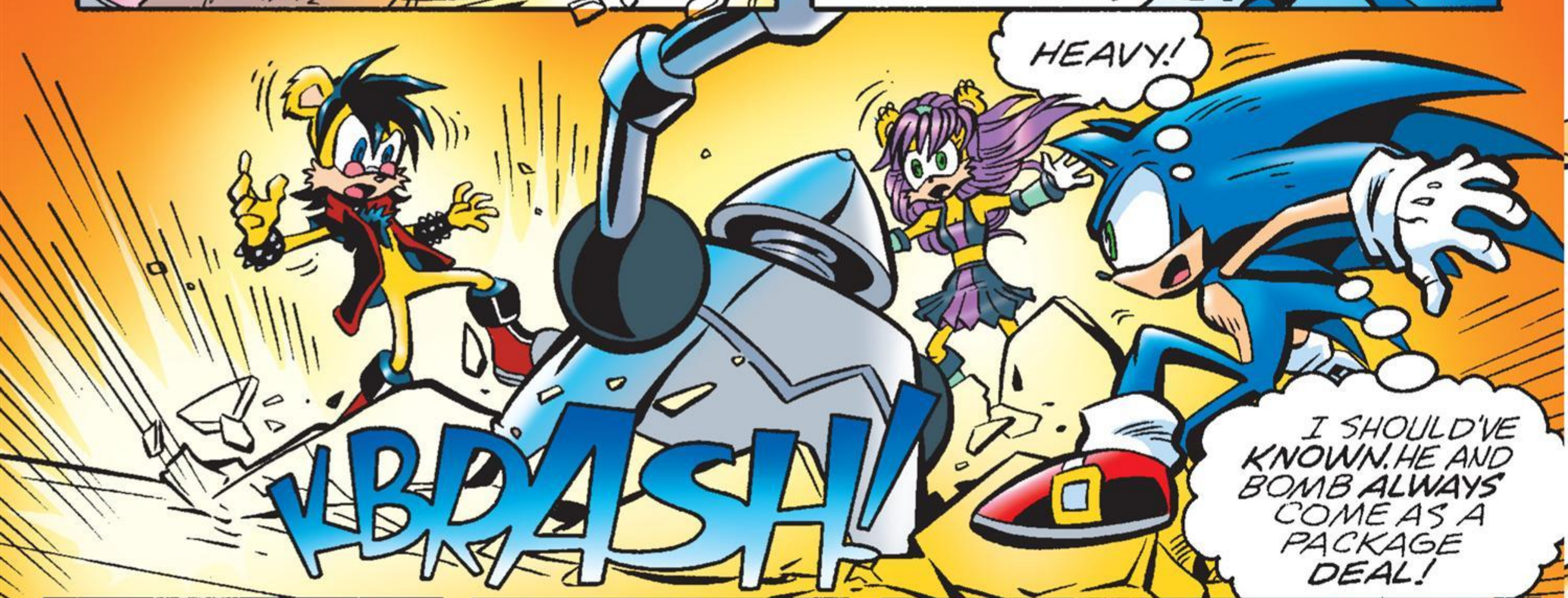


NOW BACK OFF, DUDE, OR ELSE.



OR ELSE WHAT, "DUDE"?

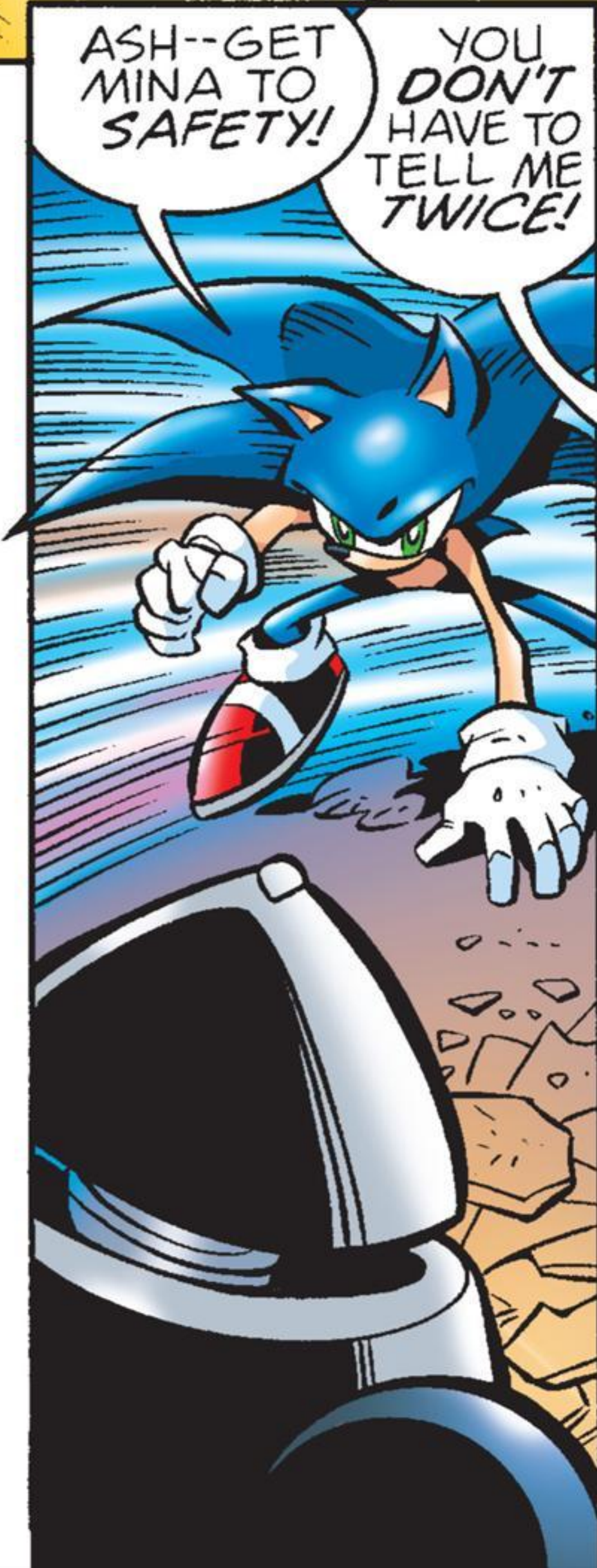
HEAVY!



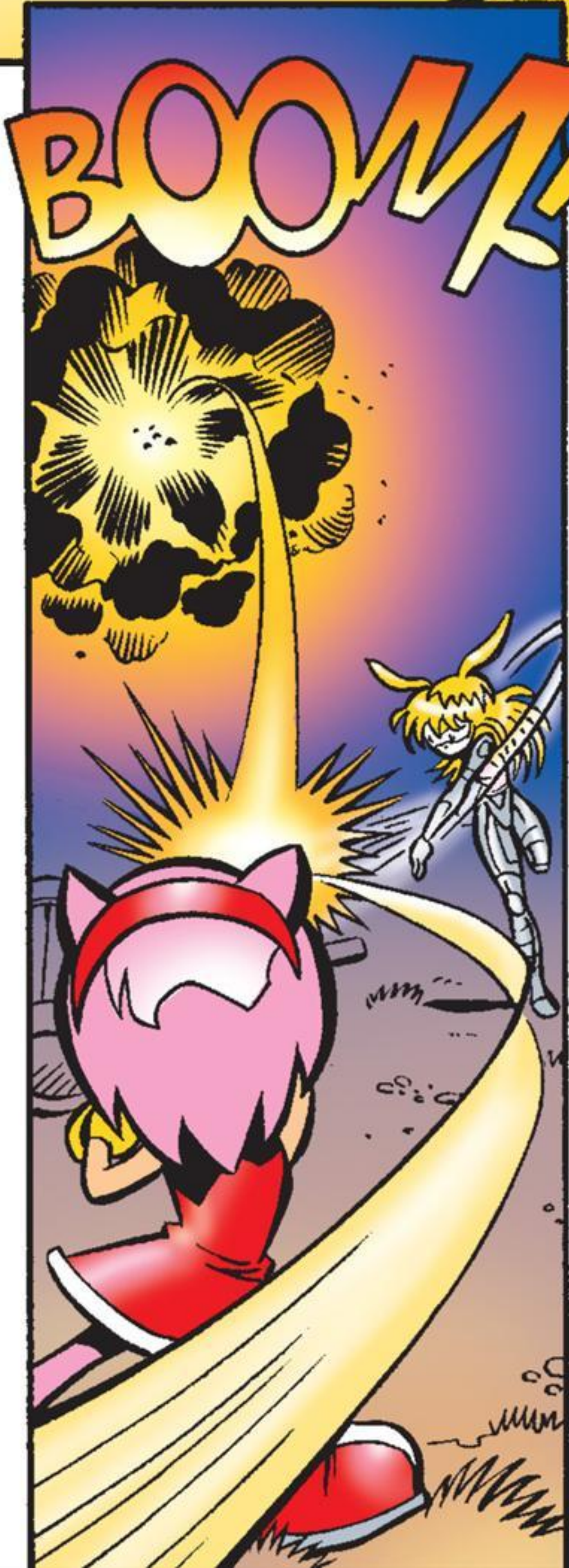
I SHOULD'VE KNOWN HE AND BOMB ALWAYS COME AS A PACKAGE DEAL!

ASH--GET MINA TO SAFETY!

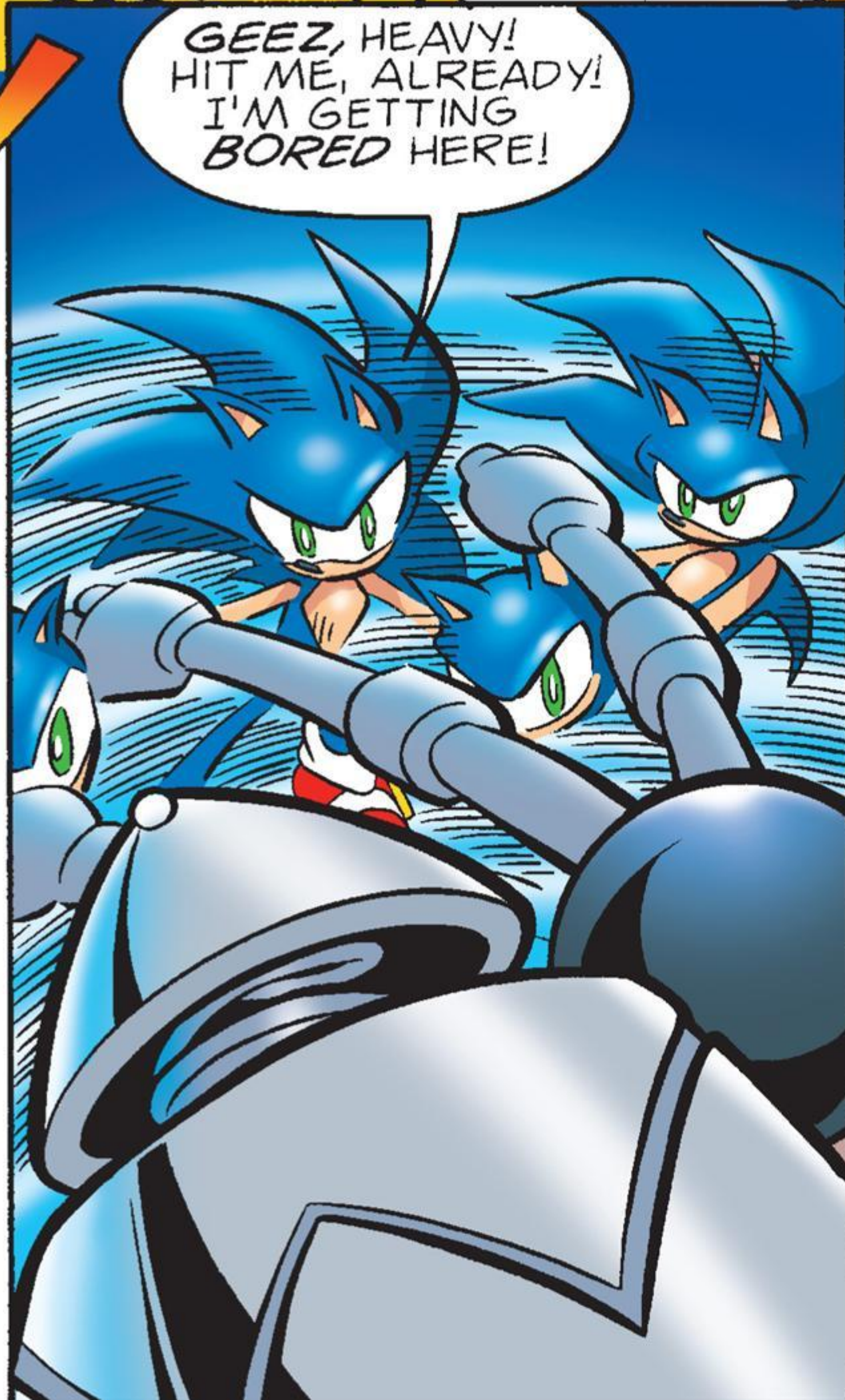
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME TWICE!

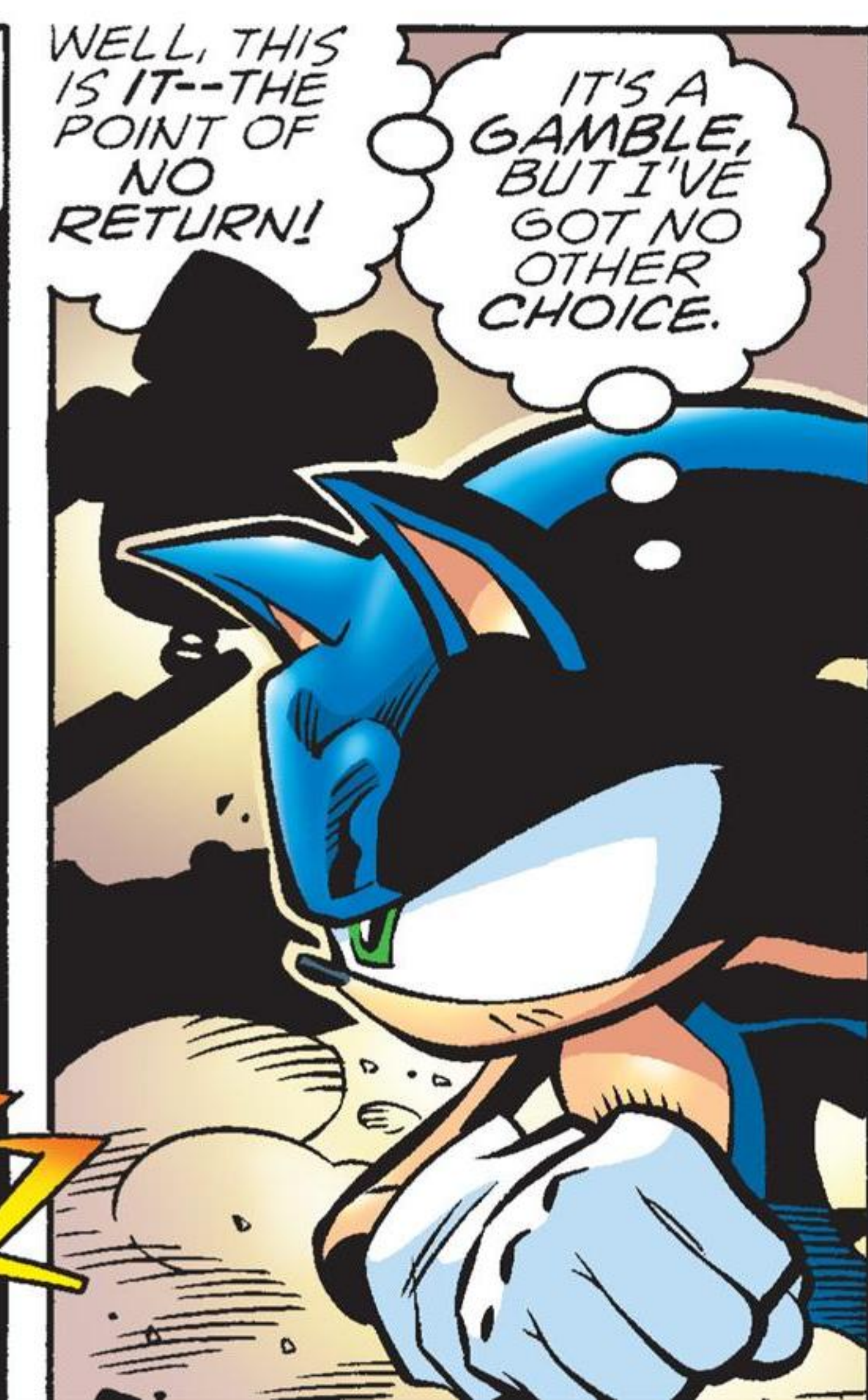
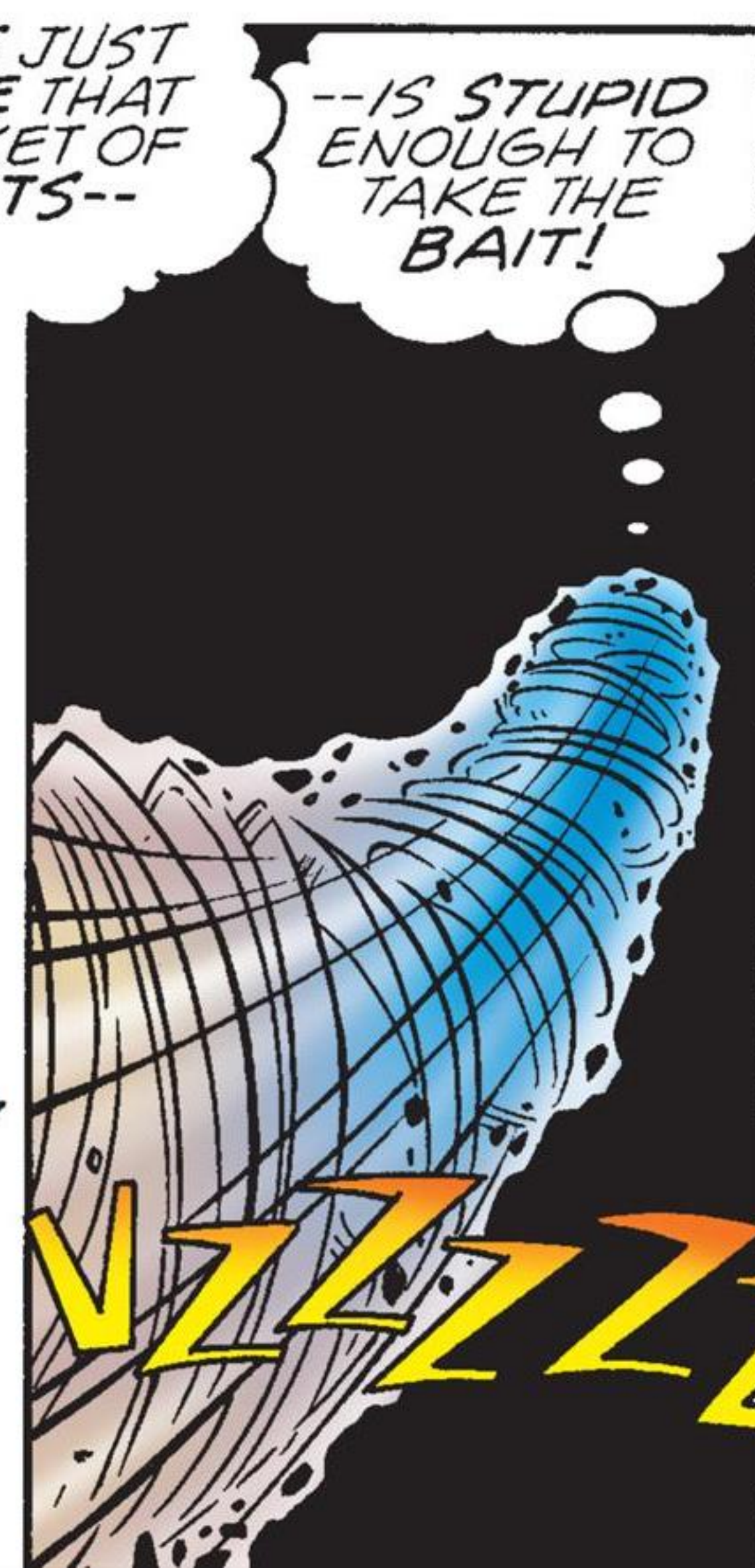
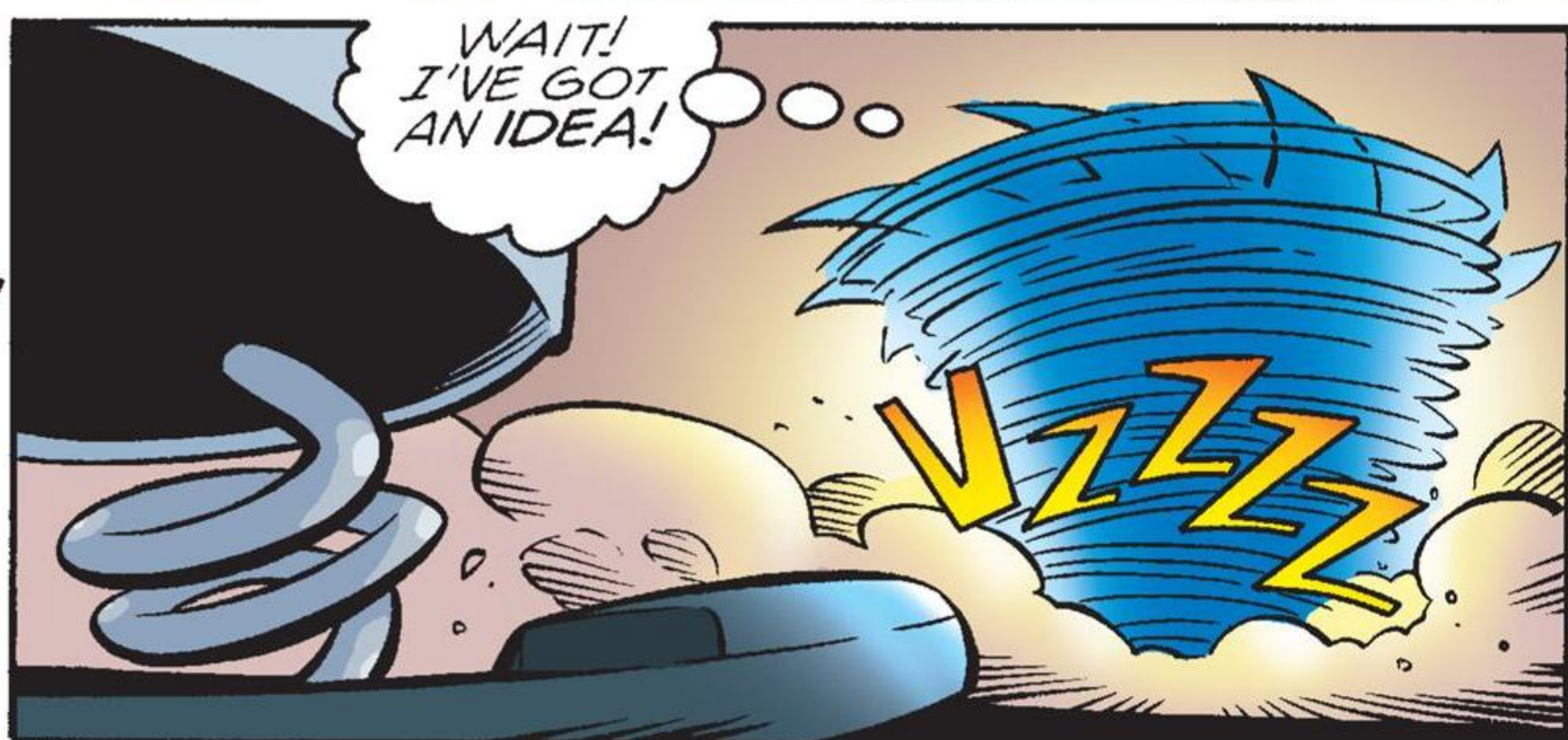


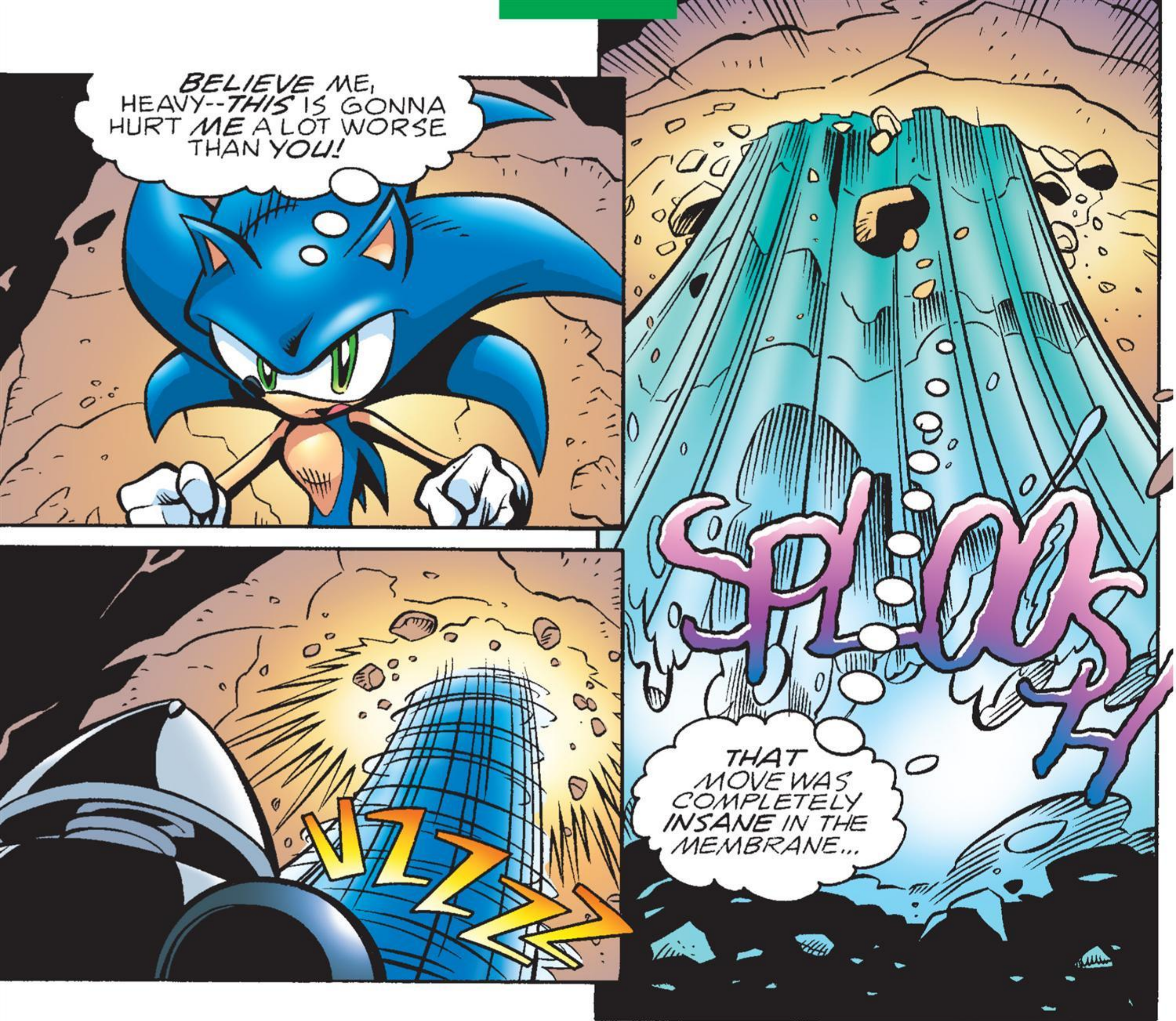
BOOM!



GEEZ, HEAVY! HIT ME, ALREADY! I'M GETTING BORED HERE!



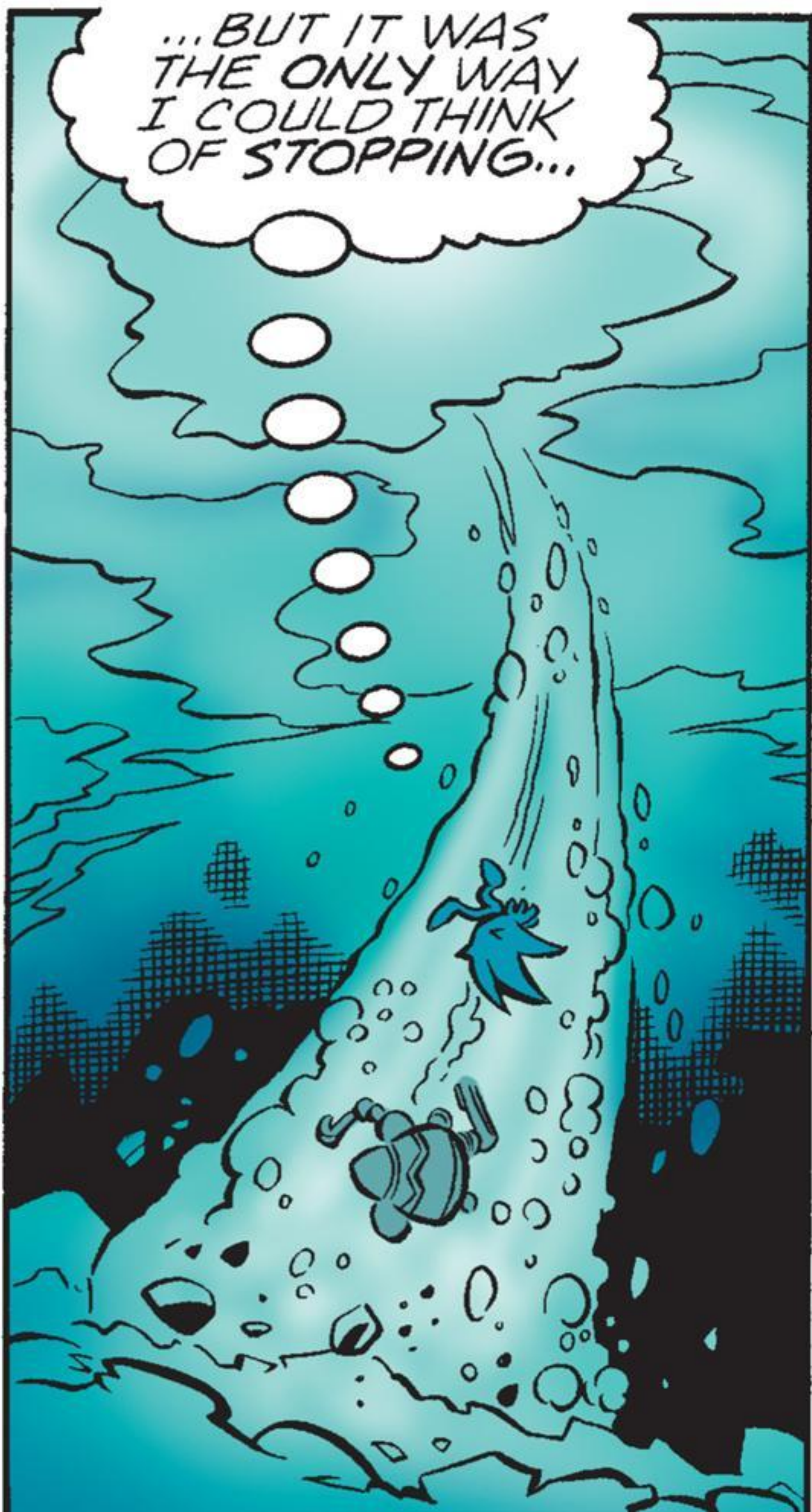




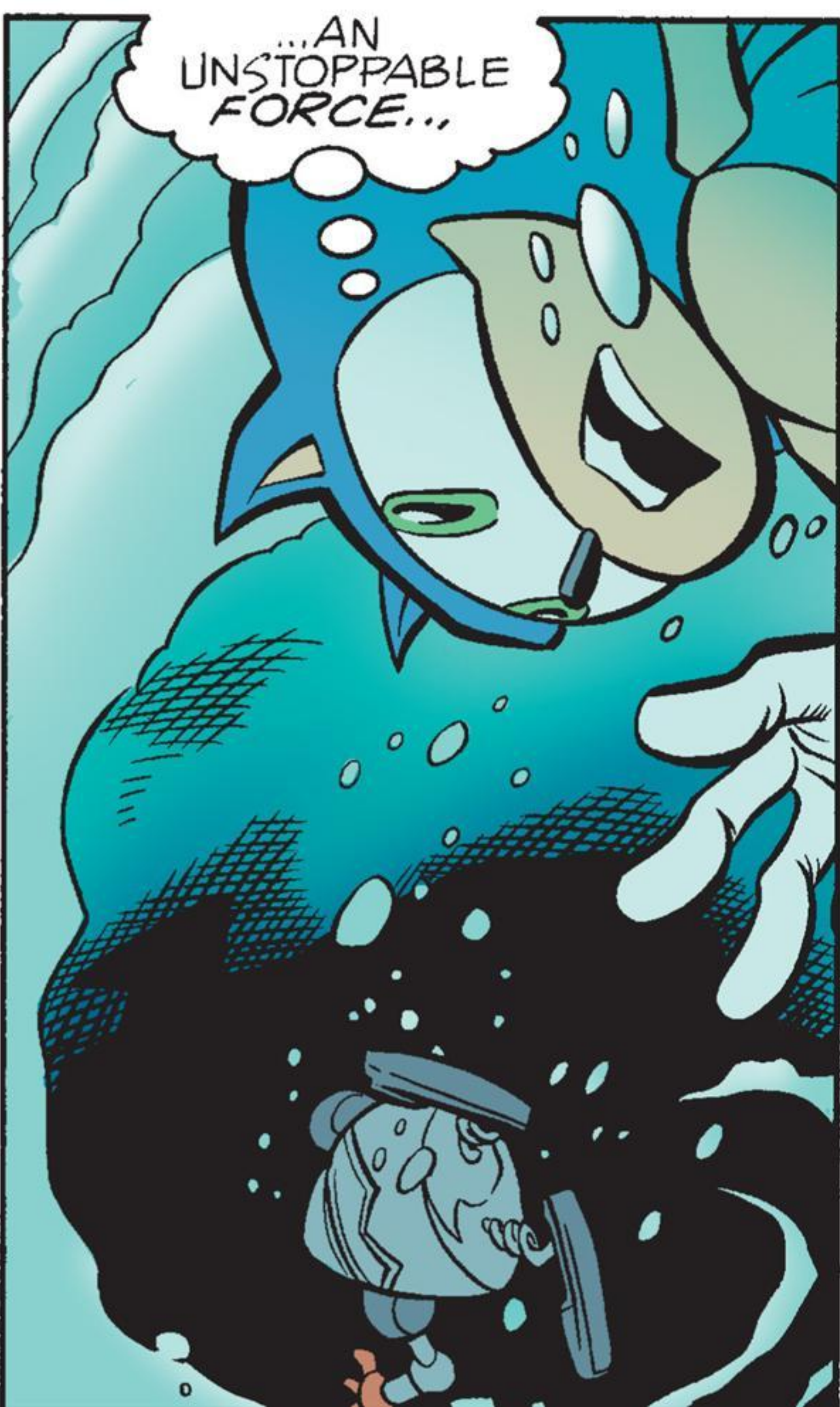
BELIEVE ME,
HEAVY--THIS IS GONNA
HURT ME A LOT WORSE
THAN YOU!

SPLASH

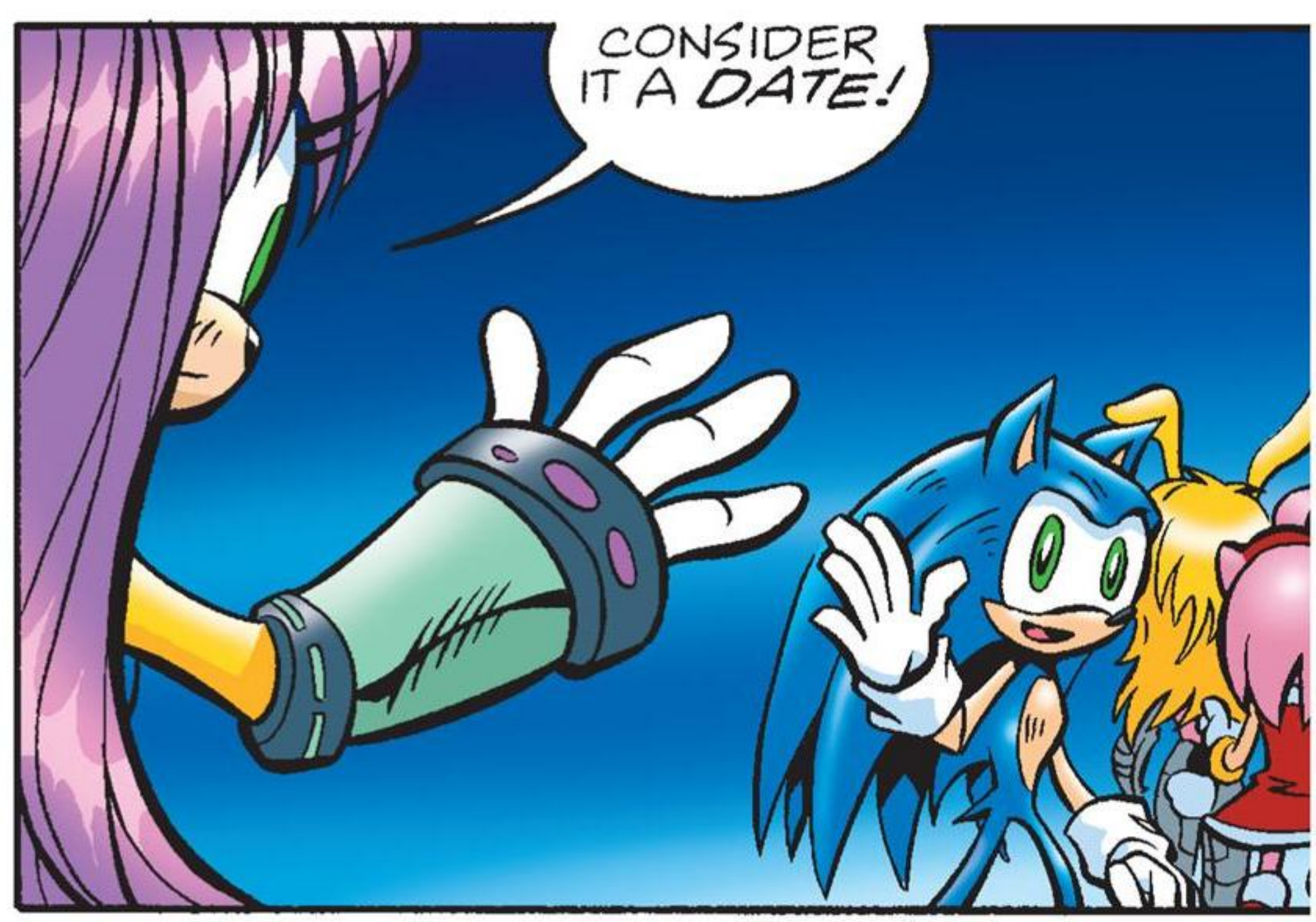
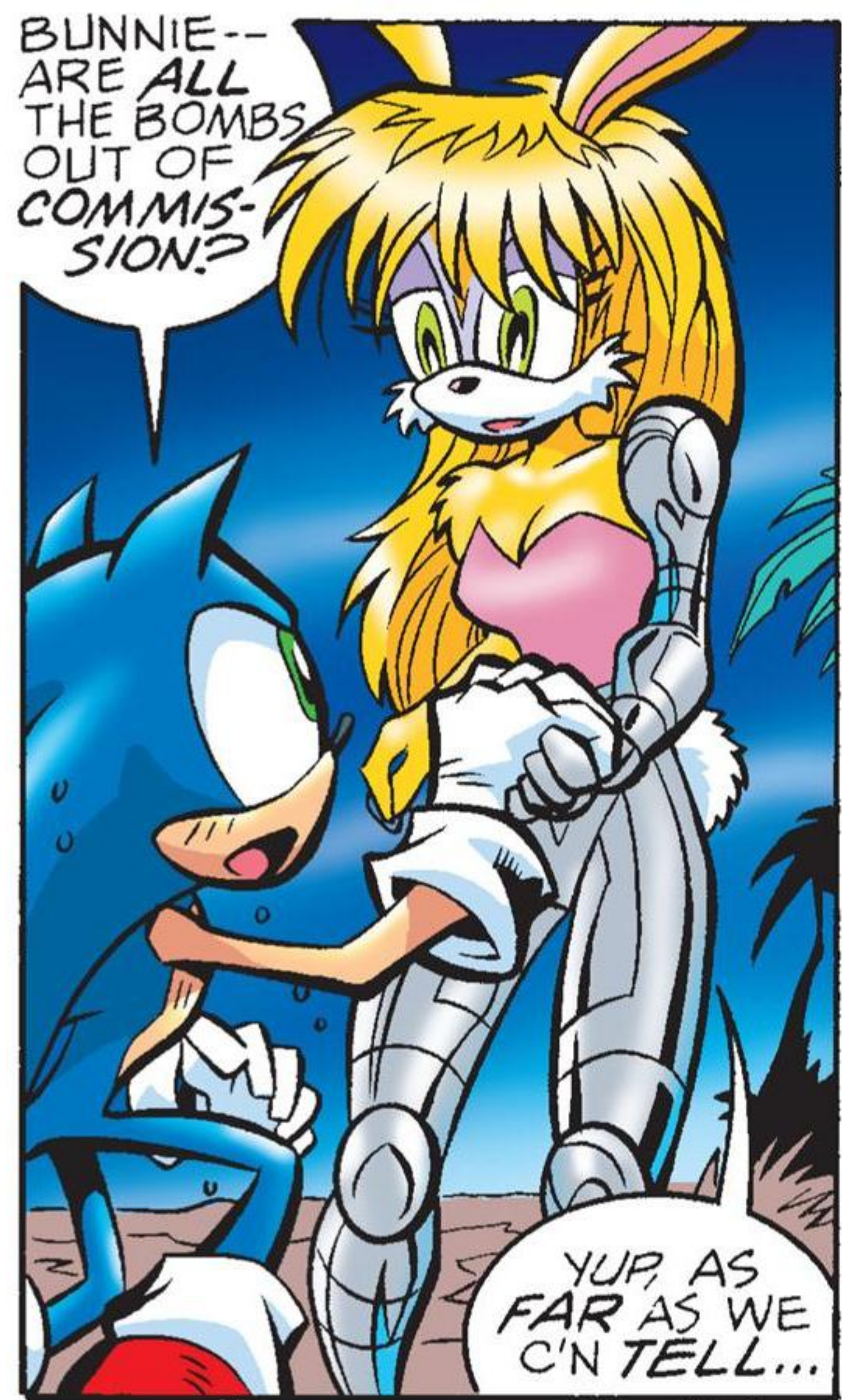
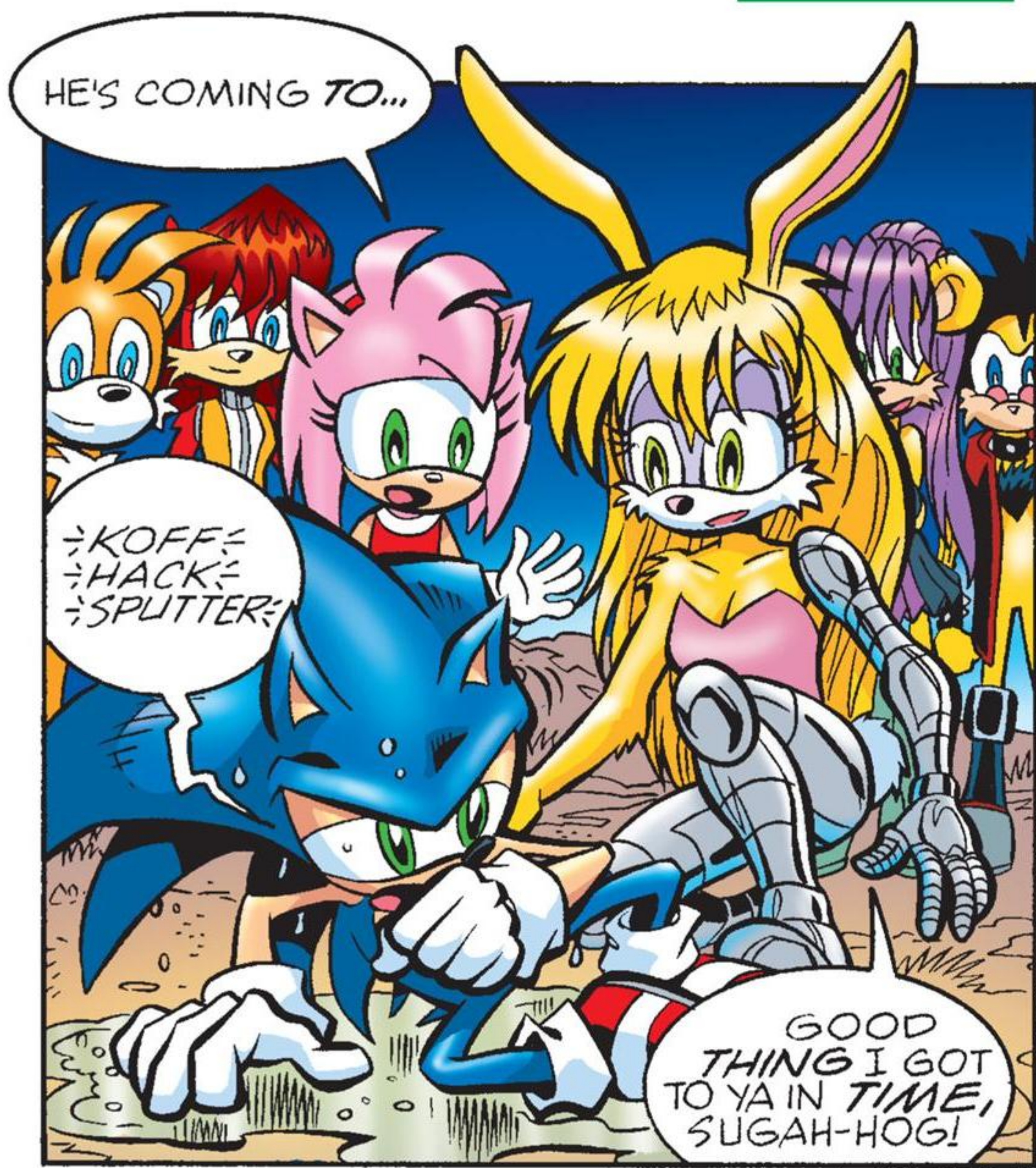
THAT
MOVE WAS
COMPLETELY
INSANE IN THE
MEMBRANE...



...BUT IT WAS
THE ONLY WAY
I COULD THINK
OF STOPPING...



...AN
UNSTOPPABLE
FORCE...



SOON...

MINA,
WAIT!

WHAT
DO YOU
WANT,
ASH?

I WANT
TO TALK.

I DON'T THINK
THERE'S ANY-
THING LEFT TO
DISCUSS. IT'S
OVER
BETWEEN
US.

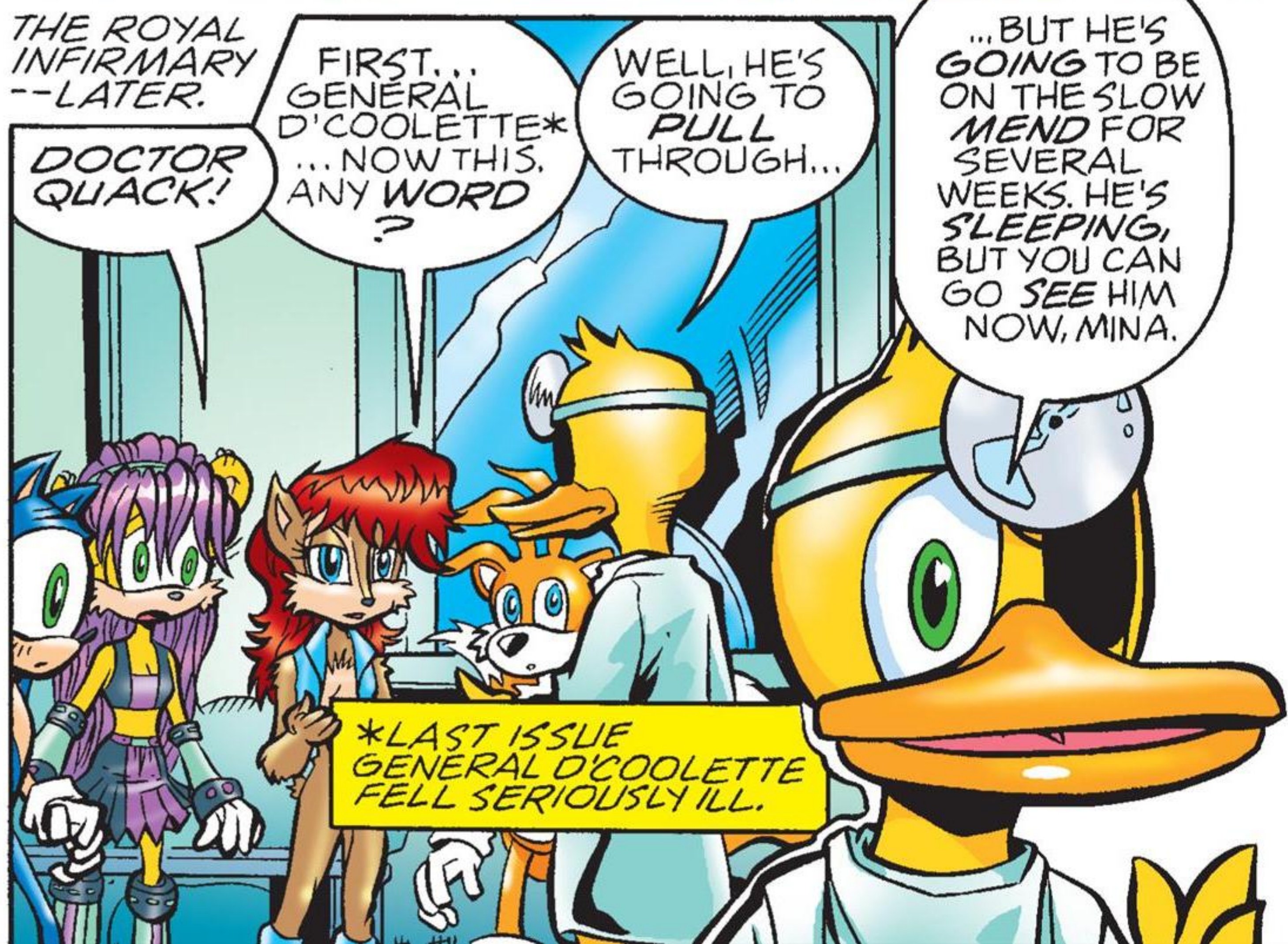
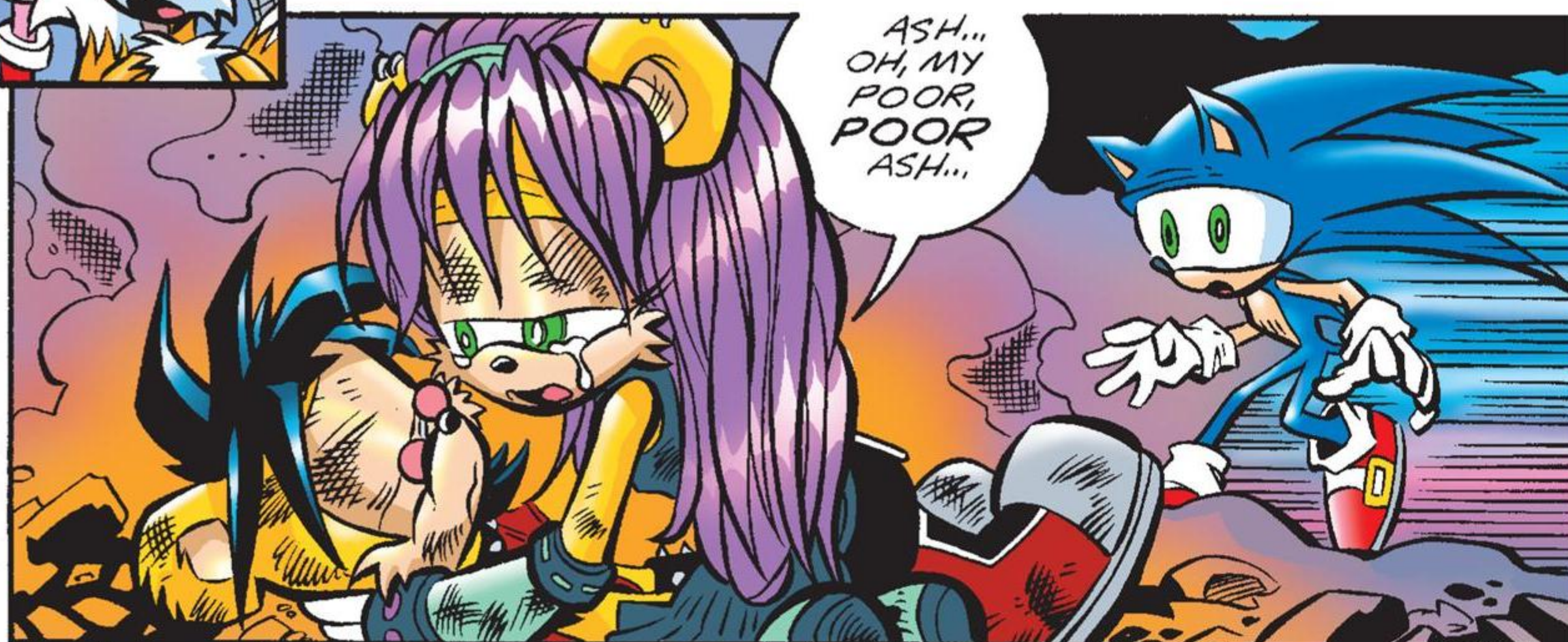
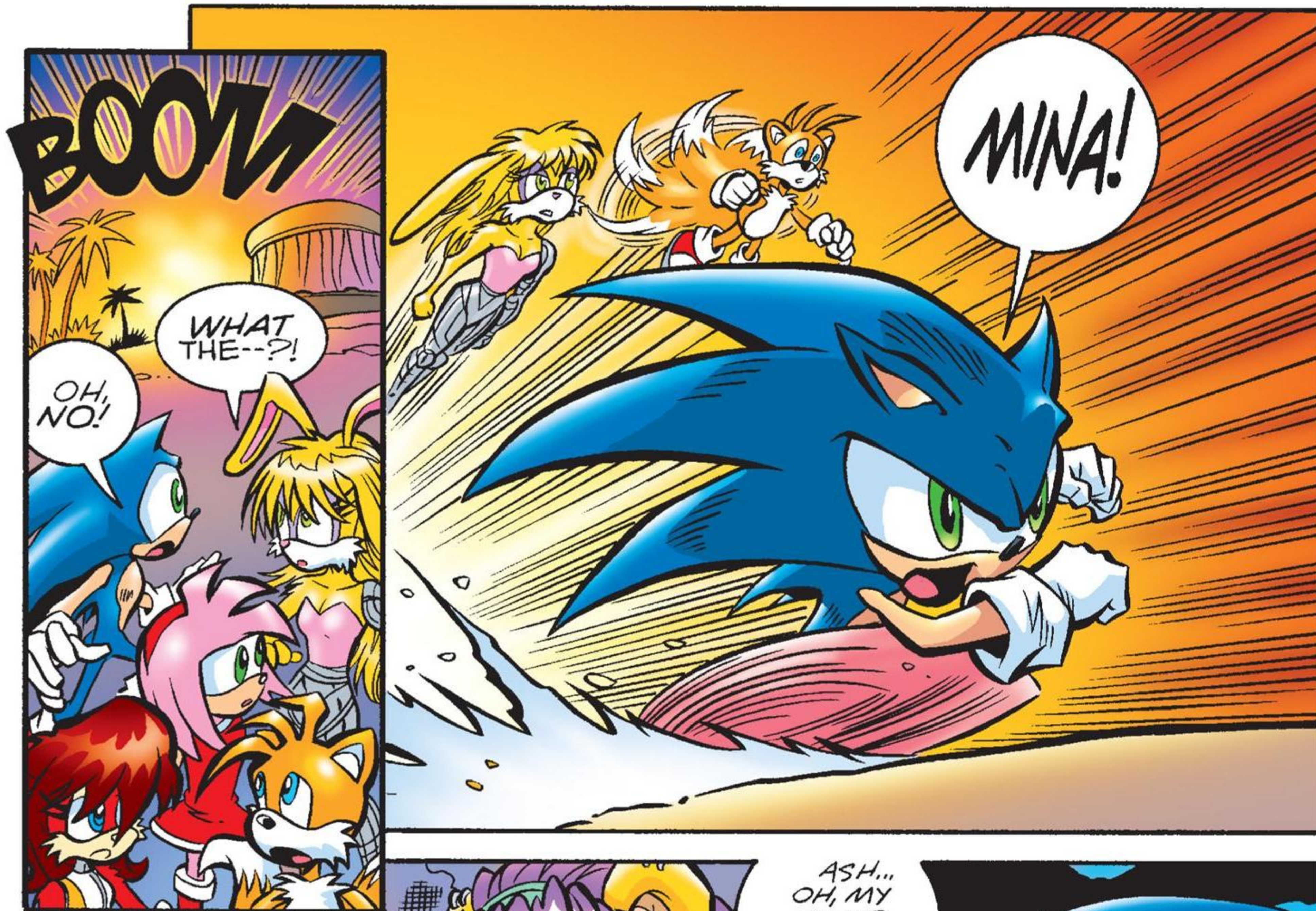
BUT I
LOVE--

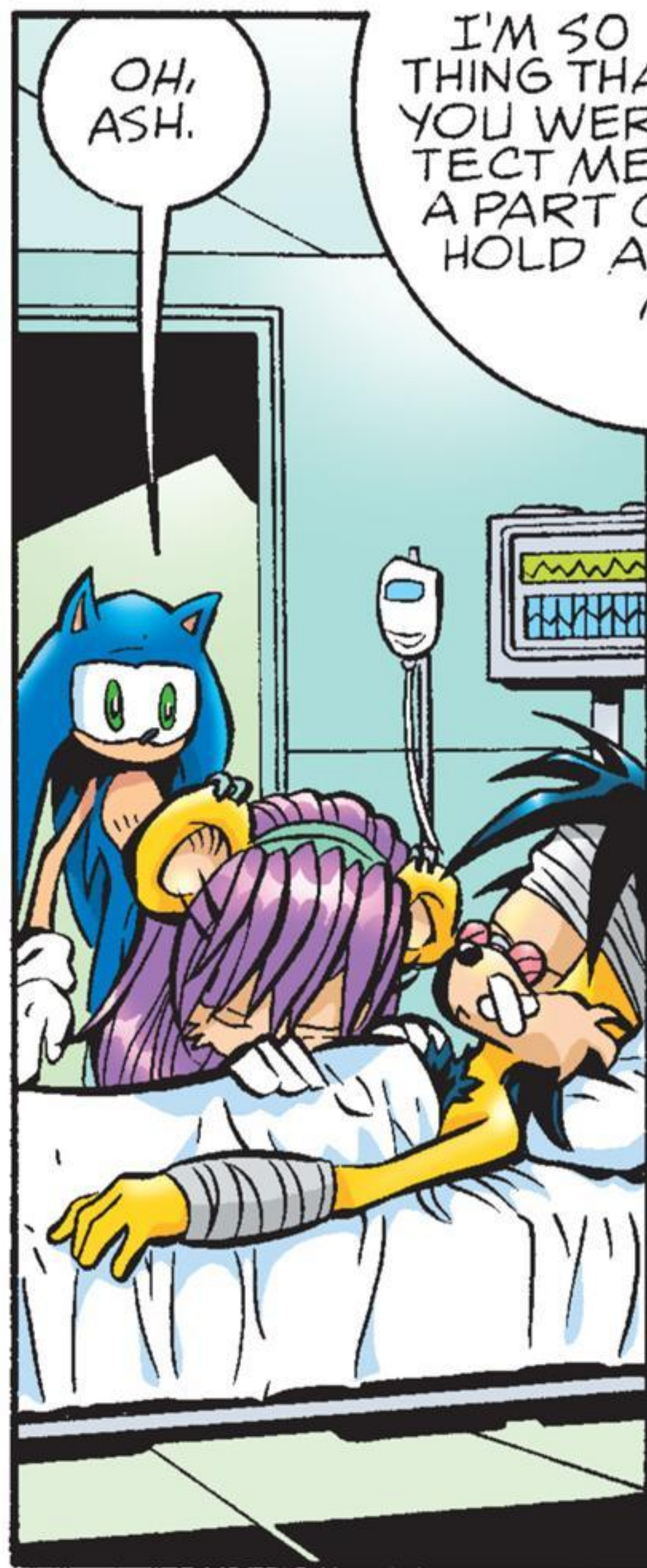
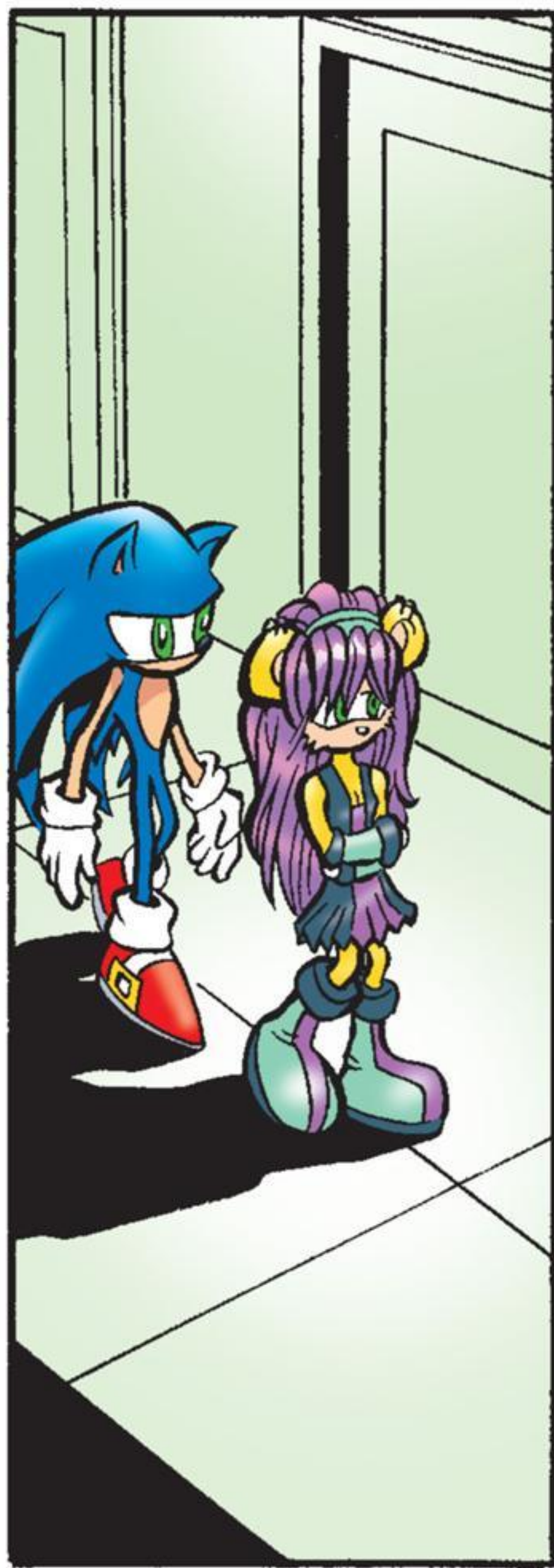
OH, MY GOSH!
ANOTHER BOMB!

TICK-TICK
TICK-TICK

DON'T WORRY,
MINA! I'LL TAKE
CARE OF IT!

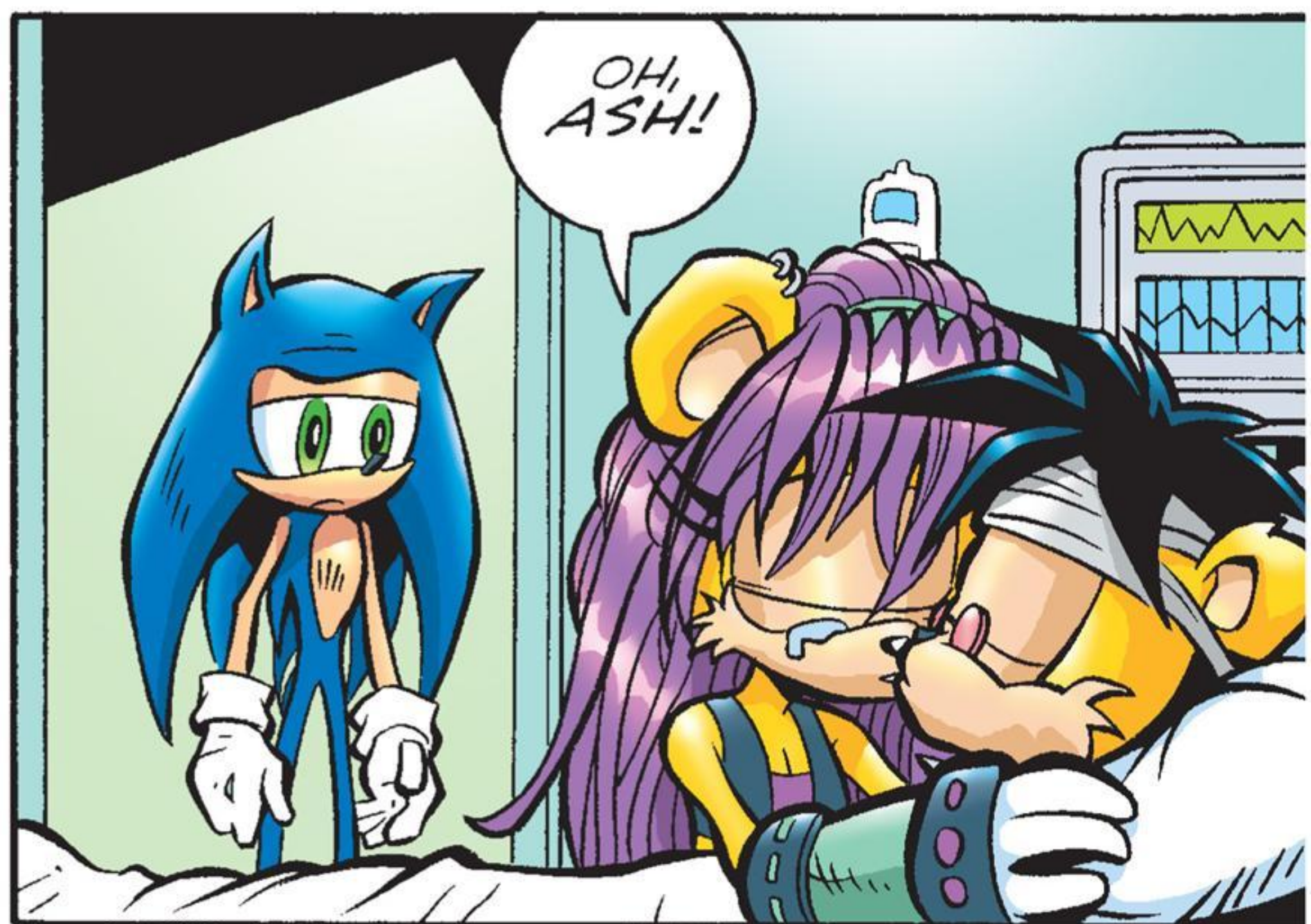
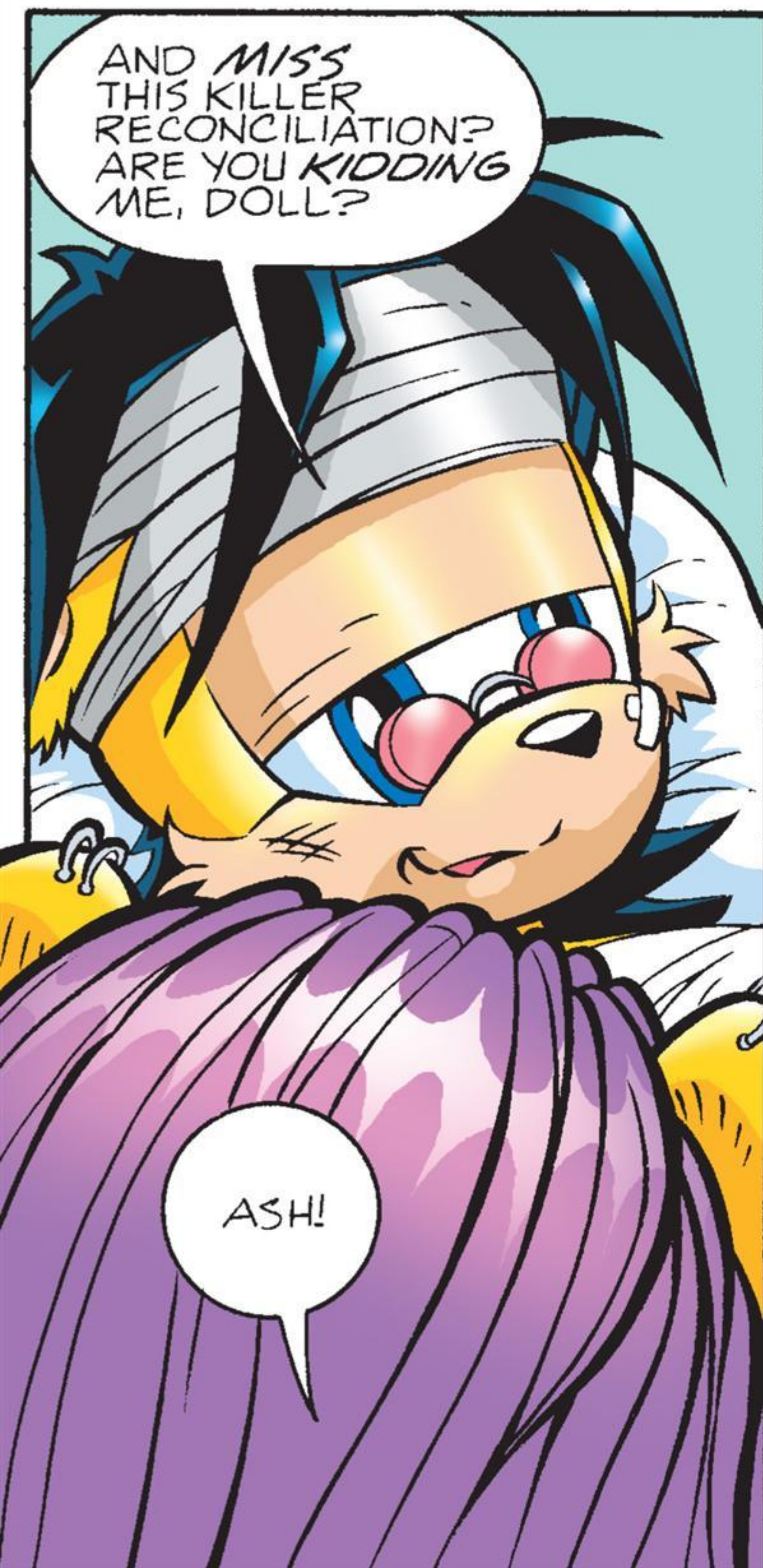
ASH!
NO!!!





I'M SO *SORRY* FOR EVERY-
THING THAT *HAPPENED*. I KNOW
YOU WERE ONLY *TRYING* TO PRO-
TECT ME THE *SAME* AS SONIC.
A PART OF ME WILL *ALWAYS*
HOLD A PLACE FOR HIM IN
MY *HEART*...

...BUT I *DON'T*
LOVE HIM. I LOVE
YOU. I WAS A FOOL
NOT TO LET YOU
KNOW THAT. MAYBE
YOU *SHOULD* HAVE
LET BOMB
FINISH ME
OFF...





HEAVY AND BOMB HAVE **BOTH** FLAT-LINED! HOW **HARD** CAN IT BE TO KILL A **SINGING** MONGOOSE?!

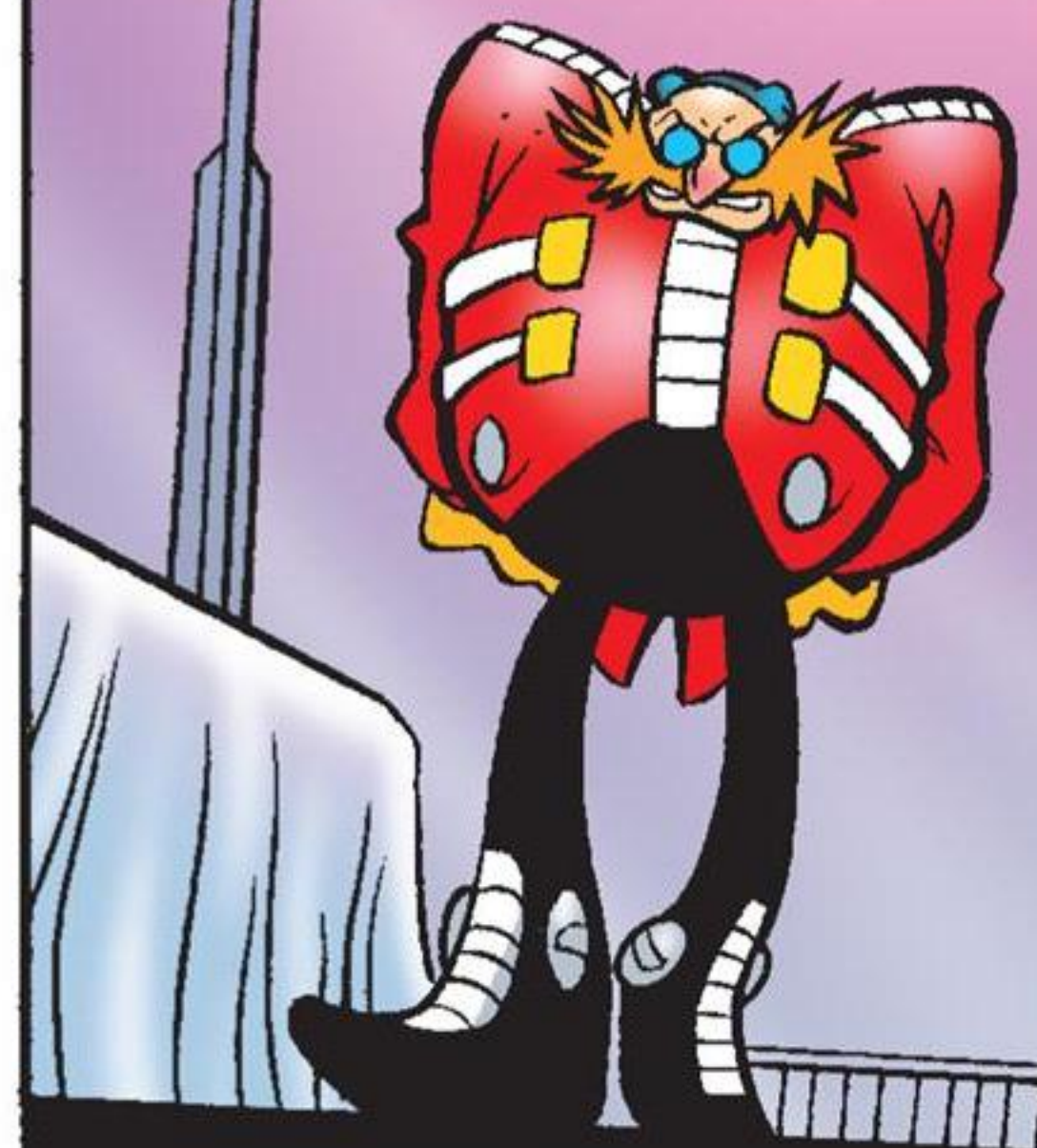
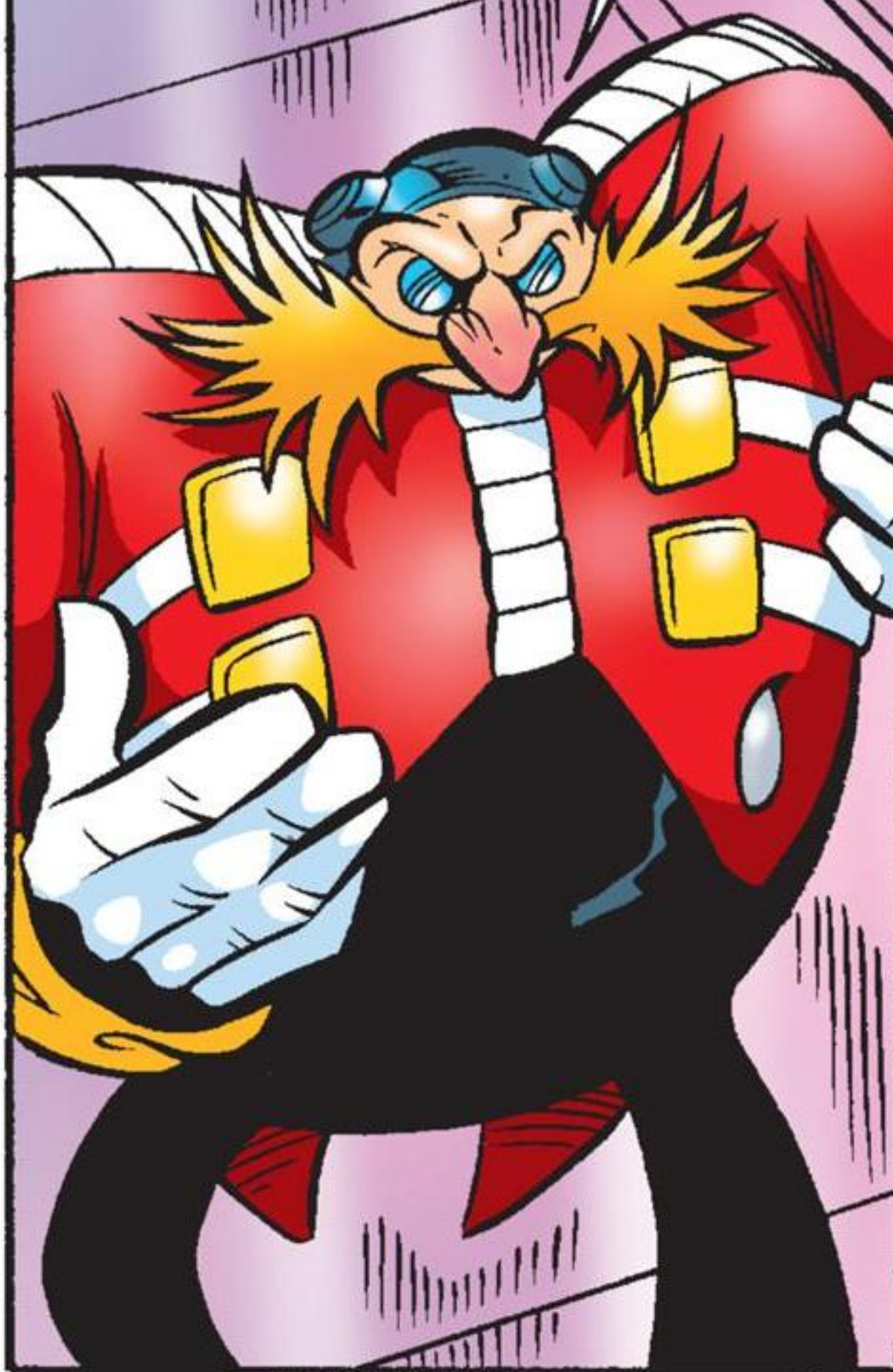
WHILE SINGING,
FATHER? OR WHILE
NOT SINGING?

I FORGOT HOW
YOU LIKE **GAMES**.
THE QUESTION WAS
RHETORICAL.

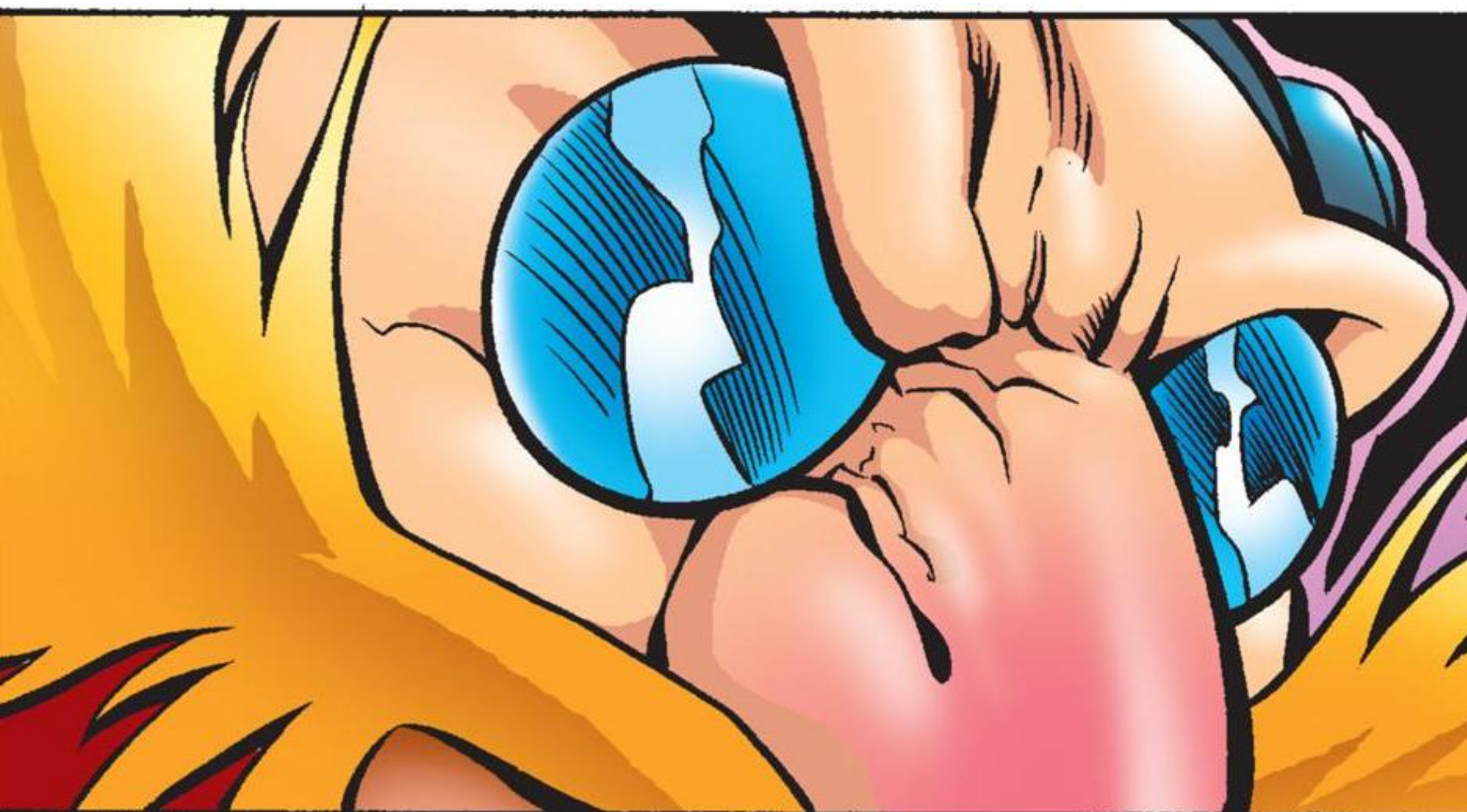
I MEAN, EVEN **I**
HAVE TO ADMIT
THAT HER **FIRST**
ALBUM HAD **SOME-**
THING TO IT, BUT
AFTER THAT...
UGH, WHO DOES
SHE THINK SHE'S
KIDDING?

ANYWHOO, I'VE GIVEN
UP ON **TARGETING** HER
...FOR NOW. IT'S OBVIOUS
THAT WEASEL ISN'T AS
DEADLY AS I HAD
THOUGHT. HE FAILED
HIS TEST MISERABLY.

I MISS MY FORMER
BODY.* THIS ONE IS
SO WEAK AND...



*ROBOTNIK WAS AT
ONE TIME NOT FLESH
AND BLOOD.



...BREAKABLE.

OH, THAT
GIVES ME
AN IDEA.

next month:
EVIL GENIUS+EVIL IDEAS=
BIG TROUBLE

MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE

EVER SINCE SONIC AND COMPANY HAD DISCOVERED THE EXISTENCE OF THE **NANITES**, THE **BRAIN TRUST** HAS BEEN HARD AT WORK TRYING TO ESTABLISH EXACTLY **WHAT** THEY ARE...

IF THIS DOESN'T **STIMULATE** SOME RESPONSE FROM THE NANITES --

-- THEN **NOTHING** WILL!

LET'S SEE HOW YOU'D REACT WITH **50,000 VOLTS** RUNNING THROUGH **YOUR** SYSTEM!

ELECTRICITY IS TO THEM AS **CHILI-DOGS** ARE TO **SONIC**!

NO **REACTION!**

THEY'RE **DEAD**, SNIVELY!

HARDLY, TOMMY!

YOU **CAN'T** KILL SOMETHING THAT **WASN'T** EVEN **ALIVE** TO BEGIN WITH!

YOU **KILLED** THE **NANITES**!

HOW CAN YOU BE SURE?

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IS A **SWATBOT** ALIVE? WAS **MECHA**?

ALL THEY ARE -- OR WERE -- ARE **CONSTRUCTS** OF SYNTHETIC ALLOYS, WIRES, CIRCUITS AND TRANSISTORS!

DOCTOR ROBOTNIK HAS **NEVER** CREATED **LIFE**!

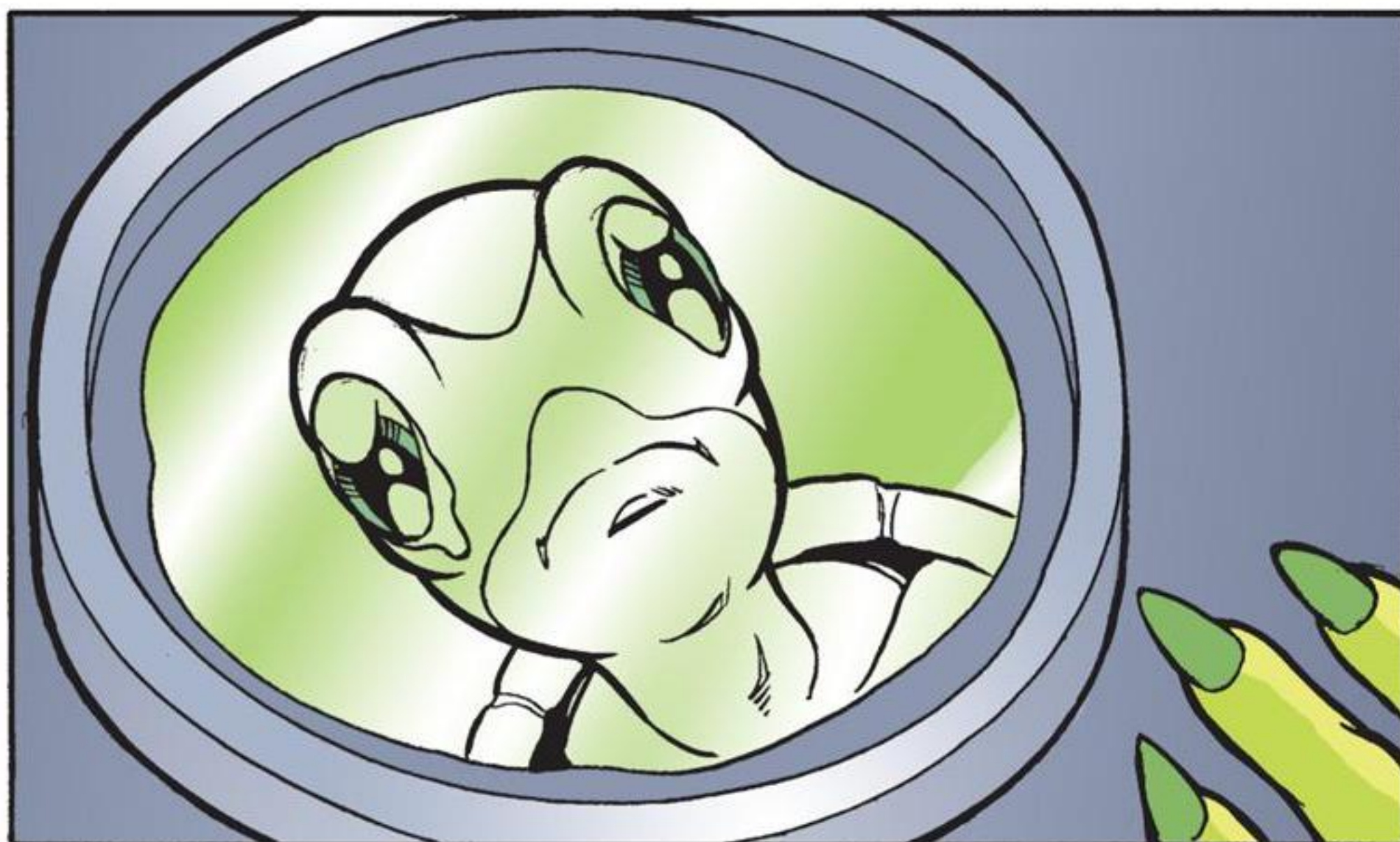
HE ONLY **BUILDS** A BETTER **ROBOT**!

I HATE TO SAY IT, TOMMY--

-- BUT SNIVELY'S **RIGHT**!

C'MON! LET'S GO HAVE A **FROZZLE**!

IN A BIT, MILES!

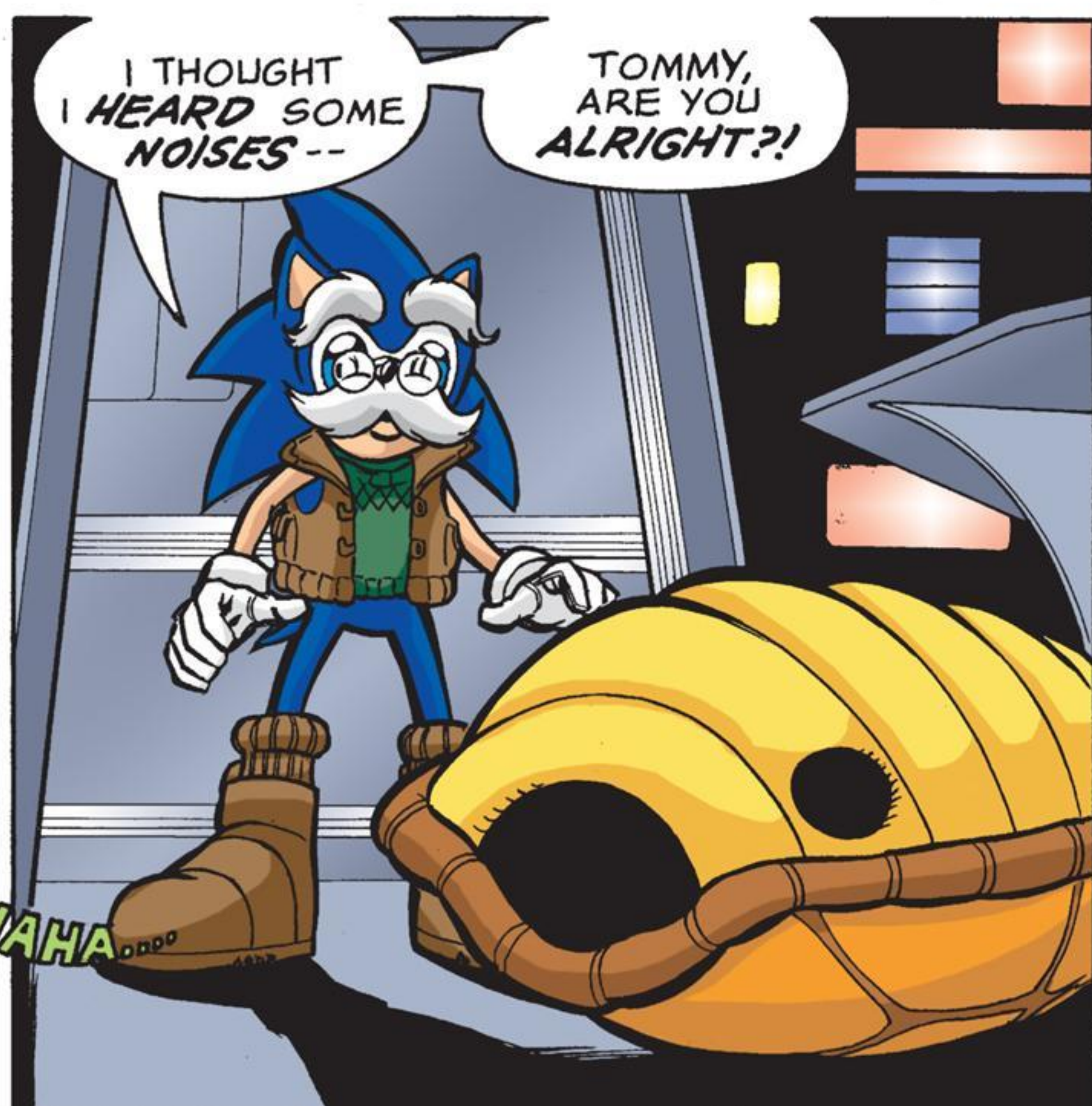
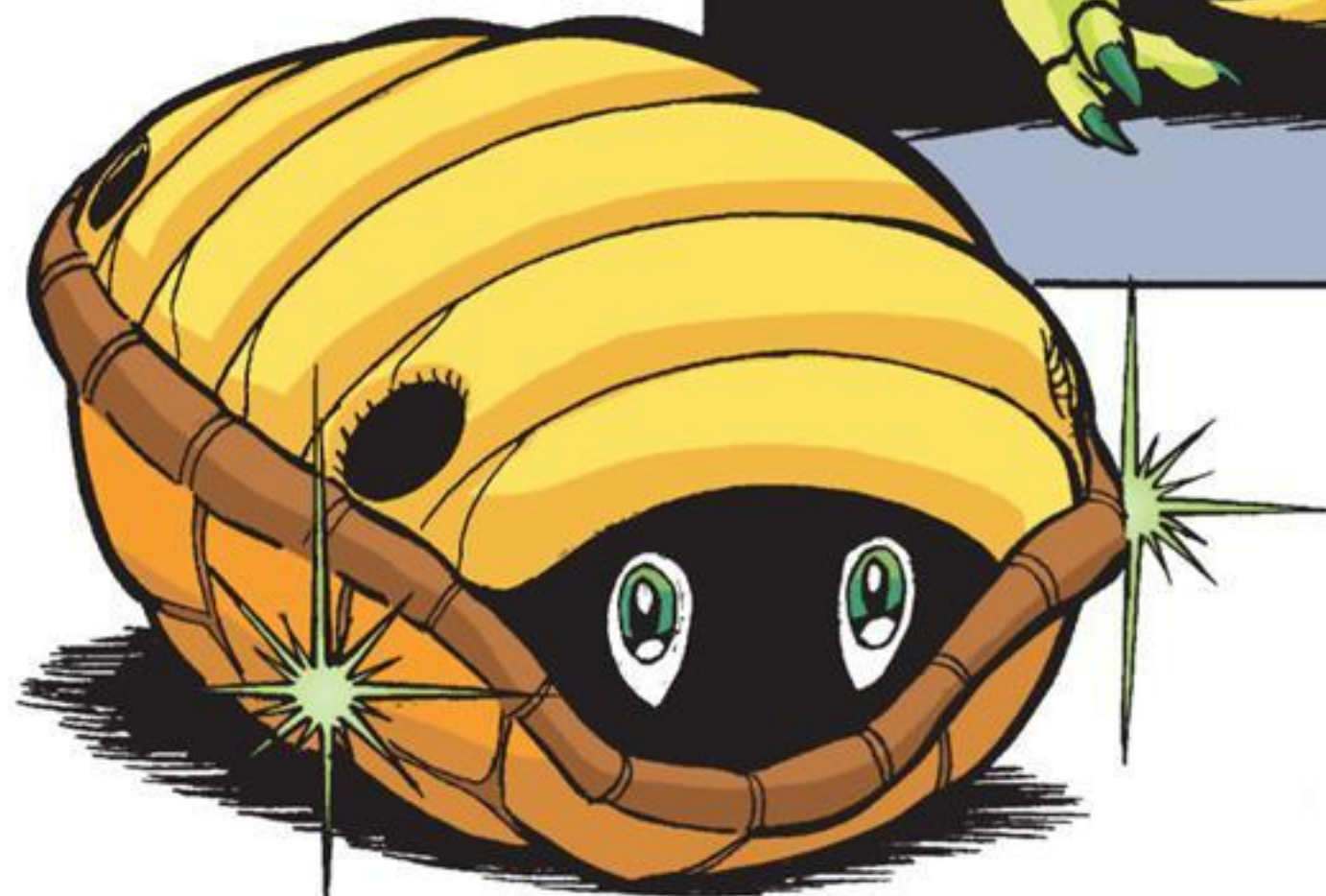
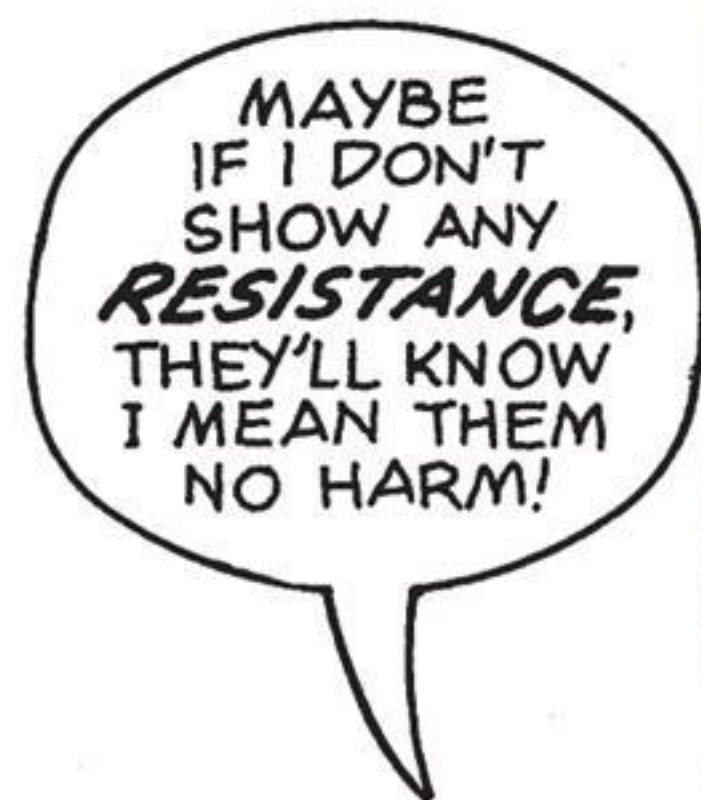
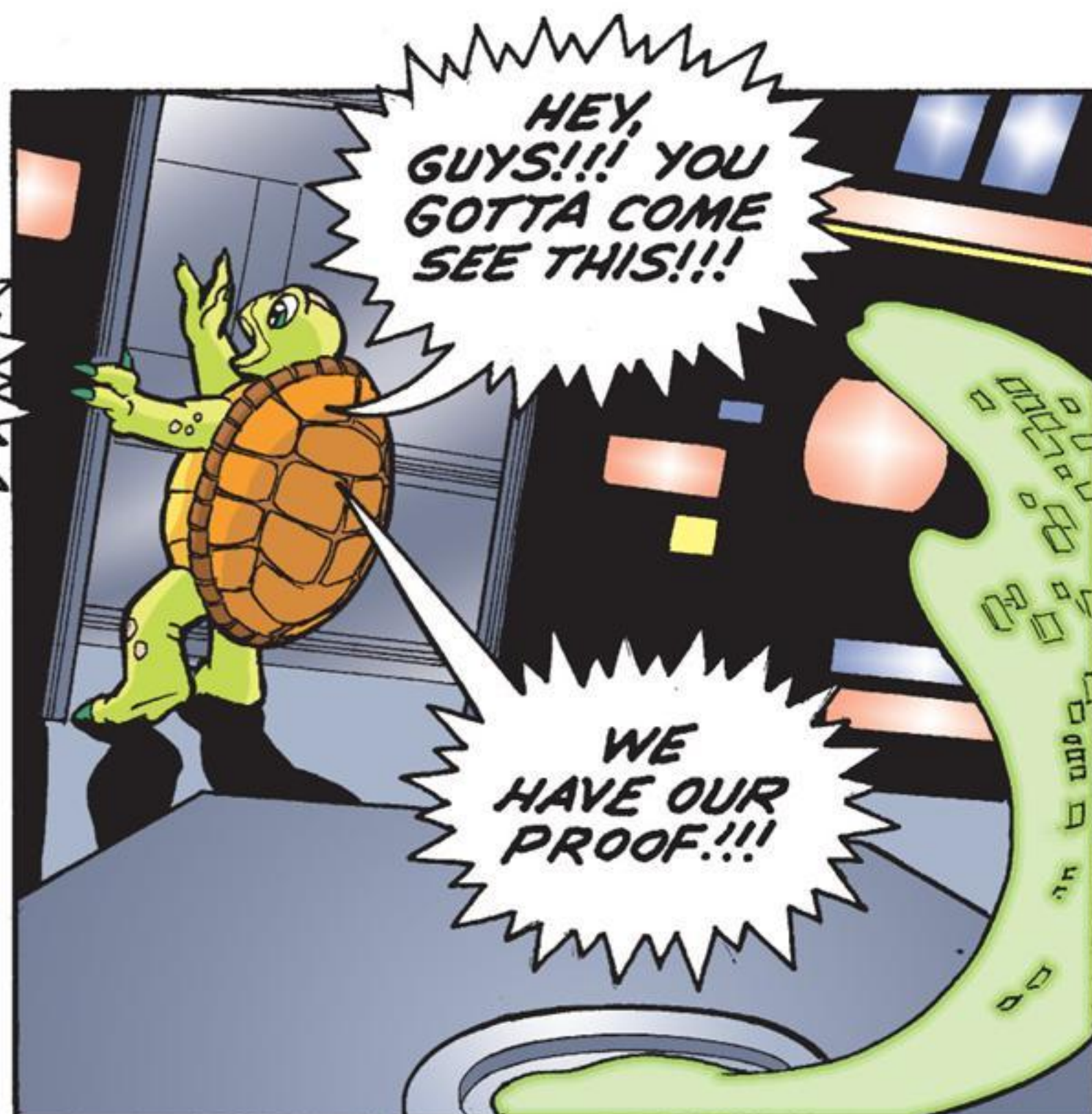


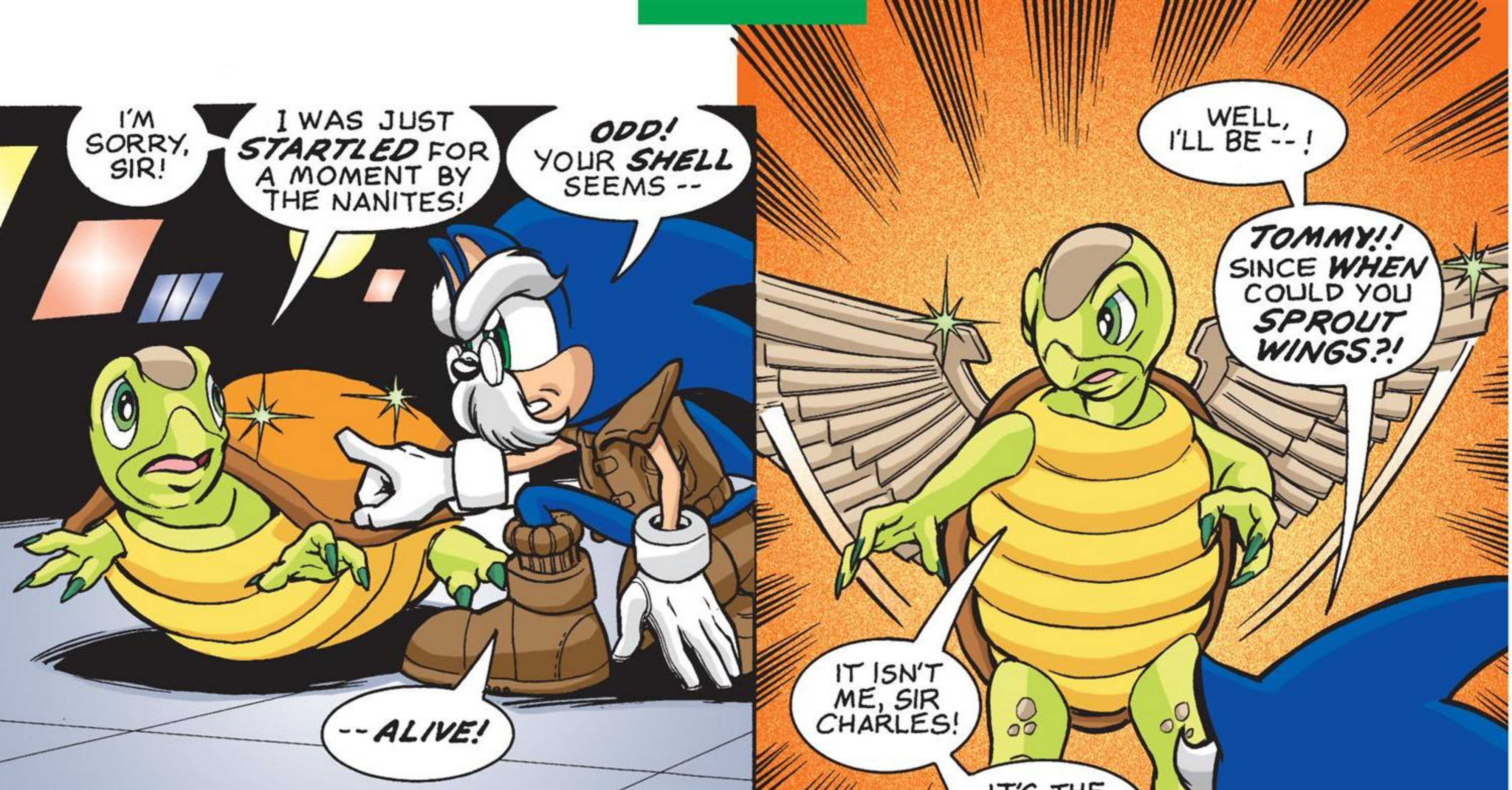
I USED TO BE PUT DOWN FOR BEING **SMALL** AND **SLOW**!

SO WHY NOT **PROVE** TO --

WHA --?!

AFTER SEEING WHAT A **LOT** OF YOU **CAN** DO, I'M SURE YOU GUYS ARE **CAPABLE** OF **SOMETHING**!





I'M SORRY, SIR!

I WAS JUST STARTLED FOR A MOMENT BY THE NANITES!

ODD! YOUR SHELL SEEMS --

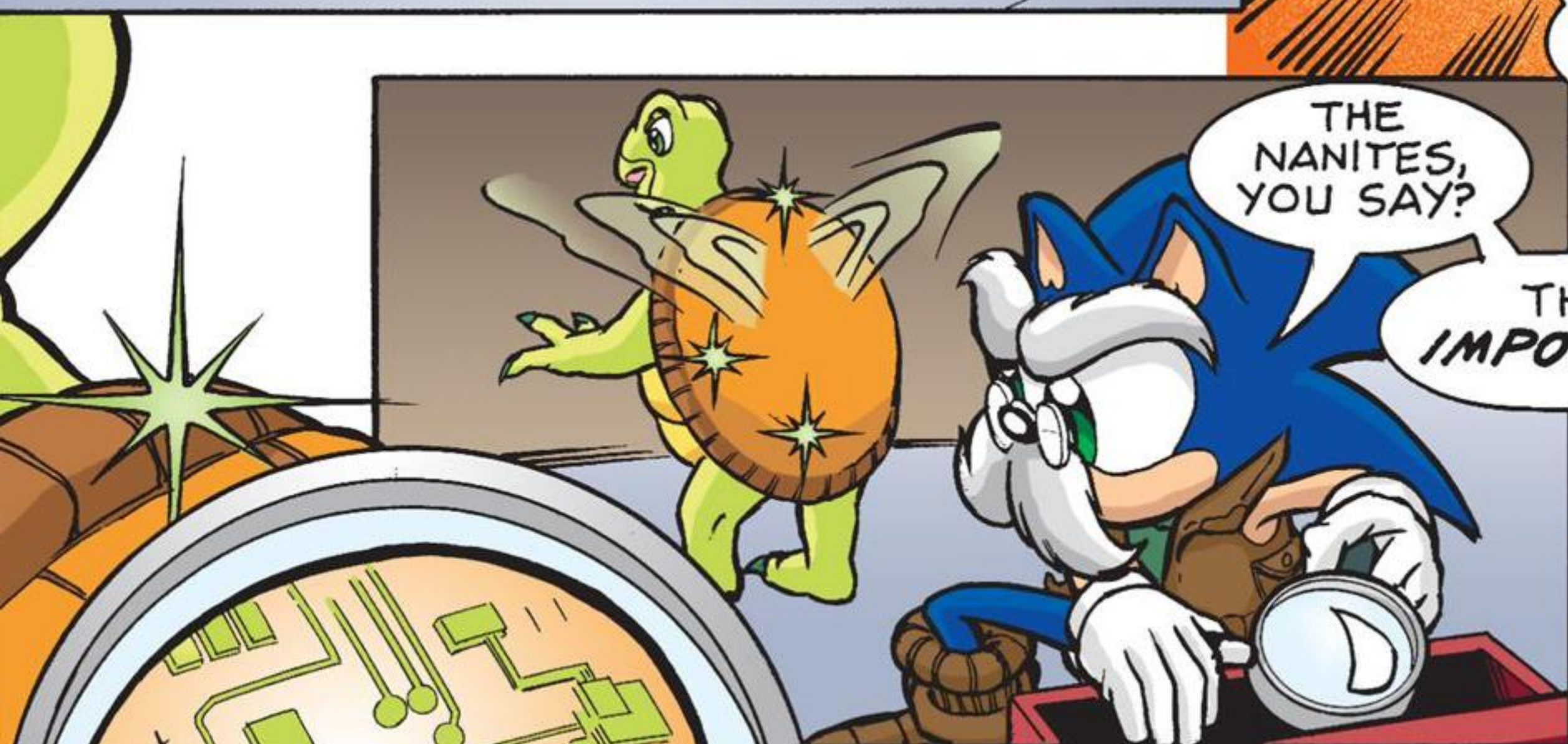
-- ALIVE!

WELL, I'LL BE --!

TOMMY!! SINCE WHEN COULD YOU SPROUT WINGS?!

IT ISN'T ME, SIR CHARLES!

IT'S THE NANITES!



THE NANITES, YOU SAY?

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

BY JOVE, YOUR SHELL IS NOW COMPOSED ENTIRELY OF NANITES!

HOW PARASITIC!

SYMBIOTIC IS MORE LIKE IT, SIR!

APPARENTLY THE ELECTRICAL CHARGE PLUS MY TEARS ENABLED THEM TO MAKE CONTACT!

ONCE THEY MADE A CONNECTION WITH MY NERVOUS SYSTEM, IT PROVIDED THE CRITICAL MASS THEY NEEDED TO GROW, LEARN AND THRIVE!



AND HOW DO YOU BENEFIT?

THAT REMAINS TO BE SEEN, SIR!

THE QUESTION THEN BECOMES -- DO I HAVE CONTROL --

-- OR DO THEY?

SOMETIME LATER, UPON RECEIVING **SIR CHARLES'** CALL, THE **KNOTHOLE BRAIN TRUST** GATHERS TO FIND...

-- AND ALL I HAD TO DO WAS **THINK** I WANTED TO GO SOMEWHERE --

IF YOU CAME UP WITH THE **ORIGINAL THOUGHT**, WHAT DID THE **NANITES** DO?

YOU **FORGETTING** SOMETHING?

GOOD POINT --

-- AND LOOK!

MY **SHELL** BECOMES A **JET-PACK**!

-- EXCEPT I **ONLY** THOUGHT ABOUT GOING SOMEWHERE --

-- NOT WHERE AND HOW!!!

WRRROOAAAARRRRRUUMMI

WELL, EVERYONE --

-- I THINK THE **QUESTION** HAS BEEN **SETTLED** ONCE AND FOR ALL!

WE'RE JUST GOING FOR A TEST DRIVE

DEFINITELY NOT THE END!